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- **bastion** stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
- **growl** low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)
- **maverick** rebel; nonconformist (in a group)
- **lethargic** drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity
- **paraphernalia** equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman's property exclusive of her dowry
- **mores** conventions; moral standards; moral customs
- **timidity** lack of self-confidence or courage
- **understate** state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate
- **protocol** diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.
- **braid** plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)
- **acquiesce** assent; agree passively; comply without protest
- **favoritism** display of partiality toward a favored person
- **wake** trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war
- **draught** current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time
- **betoken** signify; indicate; be a sign of
- **aviary** enclosure for birds; large cage
- **waggish** humorous; mischievous; tricky
- **adapt** make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of a short novel.
- **bugaboo** bugbear; object of baseless terror
- **foliage** masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
- **satellite** small body revolving around a larger one
- **bungle** mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
- **reinstate** restore to a previous condition or position
- **mnemonic** pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid
- **conscript** draftee; person forced into military service; V.
- **contend** struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly
- **functional** made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism
- **punctilious** minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail
- **imbecility** weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool
- **rebuke** scold harshly; criticize severely
- **facile** easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility
- **hardy** (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather
- **penury** extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy
- **venal** capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal
- **flit** fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower
- **magnate** person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate
- **botch** mismanage; blow
- **citadel** fortress
- **libidinous** lustful
- **mendicant** beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar
- **oaf** stupid awkward person; CF. elf
- **voyeur** Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others
- **docile** obedient; easily managed; submissive
- **vitiate** spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally
- **narrative** related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration
- **derision** ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory
- **cupidity** greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid
- **savory** pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation
- **rank** offensive in odor or flavor
- **quisling** traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling
- **tact** skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence
- **fallacious** false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
- **trim** make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order

- **compartment** one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided
  - **squander** waste; spend foolishly
  - **colloquy** informal discussion; conversation
  - **refurbish** renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furbish: polish
  - **desolate** make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert
  - **fumble** move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.
  - **misapprehension** error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend
  - **ameliorate** improve
  - **isthmus** narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land
  - **skulduggery(skulduggery)** dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election
  - **celibate** abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy
  - **odium** detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)
  - **deserts** what someone deserves
  - **nugatory** worthless; futile
  - **rendition** rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc
  - **incursion** temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey
  - **terrestrial** on or relating to the earth
  - **stigma** token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful
  - **gross** total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens
  - **doctrine** teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal
  - **misnomer** wrong or improper name; incorrect designation
  - **proliferate** grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation
  - **hindsight** understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened
  - **lucid** easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity
  - **impenetrable** not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery
  - **ghastly** horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast
  - **tremulous** trembling; wavering
  - **garish** overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy
  - **euphony** sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious
  - **pithy** concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty
  - **girth** distance around something; circumference
  - **lap** take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person
  - **asteroid** small planet
  - **adulation** flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
  - **array** marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array
  - **redoubtable** formidable; causing fear
  - **approbation** approval
  - **attrition** rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition
  - **secession** withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership
  - **poignancy** quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick
  - **fodder** coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food
  - **regale** entertain
  - **warren** tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live
  - **distant** reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly
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- **entrance** put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a trance; fill with delight
  - **heterogeneous** dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants
  - **temperate** moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society
  - **glamor** compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous
  - **disinterested** unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective
  - **mosaic** picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.
  - **arboreal** of or living in trees
  - **uninhibited** unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings
  - **amnesty** pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
  - **stint** supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint

- **spin** rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.
- **grumble** complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.
- **recondite** abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret
- **consonance** harmony; agreement
- **enduring** lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive
- **concave** hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex
- **forward** presumptuous or bold
- **astigmatism** eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism
- **singular** being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior
- **augury** omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)
- **tribulation** suffering; ordeal; distress; trial
- **cater** provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)
- **sartorial** pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor
- **slur** slander; insult to one's character or reputation; V.
- **quarry** person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey
- **queue** line (of waiting people or vehicles)
- **funereal** sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral
- **genre** particular variety of art or literature
- **amphibian** able to live both on land and in water; N.
- **ineluctable** irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable
- **appall** dismay; shock deeply
- **analgesia** condition of being unable to feel pain
- **resign** give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively
- **pang** sudden sharp feeling of pain
- **incontinent** lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious
- **stickler** perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right
- **inclined** tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend
- **episodic** (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience
- **seasonable** occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute
- **astringent** binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism
- **quotidian** daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine
- **stanza** division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)
- **sentinel** sentry; lookout
- **saga** Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative
- **aristocracy** hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
- **innuendo** indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo
- **rag** scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance
- **conducive** helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conduce to/towards
- **slight** insult to one's dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance
- **tout** promote or publicize (one's goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise
- **repugnance** disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive
- **cue** word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor's speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to
- **soliloquy** talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)
- **fruition** bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition
- **termination** end; V. terminate
- **intermittent** periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals
- **jocose** given to(having a tendency of) joking
- **blasphemy** irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blaspheme; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege
- **consummate** complete; V.
- **consequential** self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent
- **gainsay** deny
- **abolish** cancel; put an end to
- **convivial** pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial
- **gawk** stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe
- **betray** be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.
- **cession** yielding to another; ceding
- **cogent** convincing
- **flaunt** display ostentatiously; Ex. "Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it!"
- **chaperon** older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman

- **conspire** take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.
- **clemency** disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement
- **nostrum** questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)
- **scrutinize** examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny
- **archetype** prototype; primitive pattern
- **trite** hackneyed; commonplace
- **codify** arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs
- **conflagration** great fire
- **subliminal** below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement
- **duplicity** double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous
- **epithet** word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)
- **peon** landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage
- **thematic** of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea
- **plight** difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament
- **cohorts** group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)
- **labile** likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability
- **panegyric** formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.
- **apothecary** druggist; pharmacist
- **requisition** formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.
- **ample** enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space
- **unassuaged** unsatisfied; not soothed
- **exigency** urgent situation; ADJ. exigent
- **voodoo** religion practiced chiefly in Haiti
- **furrow** long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.
- **gerontocracy** government ruled by old people
- **rarefied** made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction
- **madrigal** pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments
- **multilingual** having many languages; fluent in several languages

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- **adept** expert at; very skilled
- **suffocate** die or kill from lack of air; suppress
- **deadlock** standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate
- **laconic** brief and to the point; using few words; terse
- **fake** not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature
- **apparition** ghost; phantom
- **scurrilous** abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark
- **consanguineous(consanguine)** having a common ancestor
- **diabolical** diabolic; devilish; fiendish
- **wither** (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay
- **fresco** painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)
- **masochist** person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism
- **progenitor** ancestor
- **odoriferous** giving off an odor
- **asperity** sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter
- **salient** prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features
- **brook** tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream
- **ductile** malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled
- **subversive** tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine ?
- **monotony** sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone
- **inkling** hint; slight indication
- **corrode** destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)
- **nirvana** in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude
- **ribald** marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke
- **elastic** able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material
- **biennial** every two years
- **pugilist** boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing
- **eulogy** expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize

- **limp** walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak
- **coy** shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer
- **ordain** decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination
- **noisome** foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome
- **semblance** outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.
- **assert** state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence
- **calamity** disaster; misery
- **foil** defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail
- **invocation** prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking
- **retaliate** repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate
- **complicity** participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)
- **tangible** able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof
- **numismatist** person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals
- **supplant** take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace
- **progeny** children; offspring; descendants
- **list** tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)
- **invoke** call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God
- **slither** slip or slide
- **precedent** something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented
- **gaunt** lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren
- **dishearten** discourage
- **commensurate** equal in extent; of the same size
- **ethereal** like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air
- **archaic** antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.
- **longevity** long life; long duration
- **pan** criticize harshly
- **quintessence** purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence
- **scanty** meager; insufficient
- **unseemly** unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste
- **rebuff** reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.
- **pulverize** crush or grind into very small particles
- **canny** shrewd in money matters; thrifty
- **influx** flowing into
- **overwrought** nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done
- **clientele** body of customers
- **patent** obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.
- **wane** decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.
- **fetter** shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
- **regeneration** spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually
- **pedagogy** teaching; art of education
- **jubilation** rejoicing; great joy
- **mete** measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment
- **pulmonary** pertaining to the lungs
- **rift** narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation
- **exonerate** acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt
- **untoward** unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter
- **ramp** slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)
- **junction** crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining
- **perspicuous** (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments
- **devoid** empty; lacking
- **prefigure** be a sign of; foreshadow
- **indicative** suggestive; implying; serving to indicate
- **denigrate** blacken; defame
- **lexicon** dictionary
- **sober** serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober
- **bode** foreshadow; portend
- **reparation** compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair
- **odious** arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile
- **maraud** move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

- **meager** scanty; inadequate
- **ceremonious** marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy
- **autonomous** self-governing; N. autonomy
- **vapid** lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture
- **propitiate** appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory
- **fledgling(fledgeling)** inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person
- **immaculate** spotless; flawless; absolutely clean
- **distinctive** clearly different from others of the same kind
- **transpose** reverse the order or position of
- **momentum** quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

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- **exploit** brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean
- **sibylline** prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)
- **serrated** having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf
- **cohere** stick together
- **wistful** sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
- **gamely** in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game
- **spurn** reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.
- **conservatory(conservatoire)** school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy
- **malcontent** person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented
- **killjoy** grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others
- **discourse** serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.
- **bifurcated** divided into two branches; forked
- **lucrative** profitable; producing wealth
- **qualms** uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.
- **fusion** union; coalition; V. fuse
- **clarion** shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times
- **traverse** go through or across
- **cherubic** angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order
- **parasite** animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside
- **decomposition** decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts
- **industrious** diligent; hard-working; N. industry
- **metallurgical** pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores
- **dutiful(duteous)** (of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)
- **indices** signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index
- **disband** dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
- **supposititious** assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
- **despot** tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism
- **topple** become unsteady and fall down
- **apprise** inform
- **tardy** slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival
- **sheer** pure; thin and transparent; very steep
- **optician** maker and seller of eyeglasses
- **deposition** testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning
- **legend** explanatory list of symbols on a map
- **aseptic** preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
- **farce** broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
- **acrid** bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
- **raconteur** story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill
- **reduce** diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction
- **dart** move or throw suddenly and quickly
- **scholarly** full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal
- **cohesion** tendency to keep together
- **epoch** period of time
- **canard** unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report
- **toss** throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something
- **phalanx** formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)
- **bar** railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

- **lineaments** features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line
- **validate** make valid; confirm; ratify
- **compelling** overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one's attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel
- **choreography** art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances
- **furor** frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury
- **obituary** death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.
- **dialectical** relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments
- **oratorio** dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata
- **sloth** slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent
- **simian** monkeylike; N: ape or monkey
- **inter** bury; N. interment
- **supersede** replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession
- **coroner** public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes
- **perspicuity** clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity
- **succulent** juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus
- **ransack** search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.
- **dorsal** relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin
- **protean** able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will
- **conscientious** scrupulous; thorough and careful; Ex. conscientious worker
- **gape** open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape
- **perverse** purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity
- **nexus** connection
- **mercantile** concerning trade or merchants
- **inestimable** impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth
- **quixotic** idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote
- **antipathy** aversion; dislike or opposition
- **chaste** morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere
- **incident** event; event that causes a crisis
- **distraught** upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry
- **recreant** disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person
- **disport** amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert
- **proxy** authorized agent; authority to act for another
- **leave-taking** farewell or departure
- **tender** offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one's resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound
- **brunt** main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument
- **junta** group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)
- **materialism** preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)
- **analgesic** causing insensitivity to pain; N.
- **jurisprudence** science of law
- **dossier** file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back
- **transparent** permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie
- **virulent** (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom
- **bluster** blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale
- **capacious** spacious
- **conspiracy** treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)
- **lectern** reading desk or stand for a public speaker
- **aria** operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio
- **unique** without an equal; single in kind
- **posterity** descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior
- **pacifist** one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

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- **insatiable** not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite
- **exhilarating** invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car
- **bohemian** unconventional (in an artistic way)
- **ignoble** unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

- **career** rush wildly; go at full speed
- **zeal** eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous
- **miscellany** mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items
- **acquittal** deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
- **evocative** tending to call up (emotions, memories)
- **titter** nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.
- **glut** overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply
- **devious** roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route
- **imperturbable** unshakably calm; placid
- **husbandry** frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman
- **ingrate** ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)
- **comport** bear one's self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment
- **reprobation** severe disapproval; CF. approbation
- **arch-** chief; first; Ex. archbishop
- **incendiary** arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb
- **glossary** brief explanation of words used in the text
- **helm** steering wheel of a ship; position of control
- **pretext** excuse
- **solvent** able to pay all debts; N. solvency
- **nauseous** causing nausea; feeling nausea
- **valor** bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave
- **impasse** predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress
- **foreboding** premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)
- **copious** plentiful
- **overturn** turn over; capsize; topple
- **fawning** courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness
- **allegory** story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
- **retain** keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor
- **mimicry** imitation
- **extrinsic** external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic
- **duration** length of time something lasts
- **truism** self-evident truth
- **absolve** pardon (an offense)
- **arsenal** storage place for military equipment
- **centrifugal** radiating; departing from the center
- **alms** money or goods given to the poor
- **shrew** scolding woman; very small mouselike animal
- **sordid** filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story
- **franchise** right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory
- **enhance** increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve
- **anesthetic** substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia
- **decadence** decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent
- **ejaculation** exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate
- **terse** concise; abrupt; pithy
- **vintner** wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine
- **labyrinth** maze
- **detain** keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention
- **self-indulgence** excessive indulgence of one's own desire
- **philology** study of language or words
- **recapitulate** summarize
- **odororous** having an odor
- **rustle** make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together
- **licentious** amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained
- **physiognomy** face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features
- **awful** terrible; very bad
- **ravenous** extremely hungry; voracious
- **earmark** set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
- **unaccountable** unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious
- **behoove(behove)** be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.
- **badger** pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
- **rumble** make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)
- **sojourn** temporary stay; V: stay for a time
- **myopic** nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia
- **tortuous** winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

- **cross** bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry
- **murmur** low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble
- **fret** be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful
- **gaffe** social blunder
- **divest** strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)
- **beatitude** blessedness; state of great happiness
- **sinecure** well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif
- **squat** short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.
- **unintimating** unfrighting
- **provocative** arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation
- **discomfit** frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb
- **tarry** linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle
- **prosperous** successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off
- **apotheosis** elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something
- **pinnacle** small boat
- **transition** going from one state of action to another
- **maudlin** effusively sentimental
- **chameleon** lizard that changes color in different situations
- **aspersion** slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on
- **ape** imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)
- **render** give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully
- **galley** low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)
- **curb** chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain
- **buffet** strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set
- **seemly** (of behavior) proper; appropriate
- **decrepitude** state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age
- **protuberance** protrusion; swelling; bulge
- **benefit** advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V: receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits
- **memorialize** commemorate
- **condign** adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved
- **oscillate** vibrate pendulumlike; waver
- **theoretical** based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical
- **pundit** authority on a subject; expert; learned person
- **stereotype** one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer
- **brawny** muscular; having well-developed muscles
- **surfeit** satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food
- **hazard** venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger
- **eloquence** expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced
- **fanciful** whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme
- **factious** inclined to form factions; causing dissension
- **chassis** framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached
- **inopportune** untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen
- **alcove** nook; recess
- **vendetta** blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams
- **nemesis** someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis
- **accrue** come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual
- **undertaker** funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials
- **complementary** serving to complete something
- **jingoi** extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism
- **aquiline** curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
- **lofty** very high
- **mordant** biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit
- **bombast** grandiloquent, pompous speech
- **shift** change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group
- **deft** neat; skillful

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- **homily** sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic
- **rankle** irritate; fester; annoy
- **mingle** mix together in close association
- **indeterminate** uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
- **rotundity** roundness; sonorousness of speech
- **enumerate** list; mention one by one
- **congenial** pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather
- **gist** essence; main point; substance
- **privation** lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive
- **cataclysm** deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change
- **toxic** poisonous; N. toxicity
- **mutter** utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones
  
- **abjure** renounce upon oath
- **extradition** surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite
- **quirk** sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate
- **aspire** seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership
  
- **stratagem** deceptive scheme; clever trick
- **arrogance** pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)
- **commune** small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature
- **forestall** prevent by taking action in advance
- **inundate** flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work
- **fussy** fastidious; finicky; easily upset
- **estranged** separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement
- **jetsam** things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)
- **bequeath** leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest
- **dauntless** bold; fearless
- **lien** legal claim or right on a property
- **congruent** in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous
- **expound** explain
- **obtuse** blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
- **detrimental** harmful; damaging; N. detriment
  
- **mangy** shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance
- **putrefy** make or become putrid; N. putrefaction
- **hideous** repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream
- **abate** subside or moderate
- **annul** make void
- **egotism** tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance
- **skeptic** sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism
- **audacious** daring; bold; N. audacity
- **compost** mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost
- **heresy** opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic
- **high-flown** highly pretentious or inflated
- **maniacal** raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm
- **whorl** ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers
- **petulant** touchy; peevish; ill-tempered
- **decimate** kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of
- **resolve** decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution
- **brave** face courageously; Ex. brave the storm
- **viscous** (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency
- **grovel** crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner
- **compliance** conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply
- **invalid** one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health
- **spurious** false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments
- **lechery** gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man
- **entomology** study of insects
- **molt(moult)** periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)
- **expatiate** talk at length; speak or write in detail
- **tribute** tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to
- **askance** with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at

- **dour** sullen; gloomy; stubborn
- **prate** talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly
- **cardinal** chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order
- **pastry** paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)
- **betroth** become engaged to marry
- **valediction** saying farewell; expression of leave-taking
- **hygiene** science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition
- **elaboration** addition of details; intricacy
- **homeostasis** tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm
- **hostage** person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands
- **resentment** indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about
- **palimpsest** parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

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- **vaporize** turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)
- **lackadaisical** lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid
- **casualty** serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle
- **bulk** size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size
- **rectitude** moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment
- **vainglorious** boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity
- **filing** particle removed by a file
- **inveigh** denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink
- **pathetic** causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching
- **agnostic** one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
- **supererogatory** superfluous; more than needed or demanded
- **engross** occupy fully; absorb
- **orgy** wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping
- **feral** (of an animal) not domestic; wild
- **hilarity** boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter
- **incandescent** strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle
- **forebears(forbears)** ancestors
- **disenfranchise** disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise
- **slink** move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)
- **besmirch** soil; defile; make dirty
- **brood** sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds hatched at one time
- **beholden** obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude
- **flay** strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly
- **sophomoric** immature; half-baked; like a sophomore
- **exculpate** clear from blame or guilt
- **perturb** disturb greatly
- **variegated** (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored
- **excerpt** selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.
- **insolvent** bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency
- **parley** conference (between opponents); CF. speak
- **compendium** brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious
- **gusty** windy
- **benison** blessing
- **don** put on; OP. doff
- **chaffing** bantering; joking
- **hive** box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive
- **catapult** slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult
- **aspirant** seeker after position or status
- **magistrate** official with power to administer the law
- **finite** limited
- **supplicant** one who supplicates; ADJ.
- **scrappy** quarrelsome
- **intelligentsia** intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)
- **crochet** make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet
- **epitome** perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody
- **vagrant** wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy
- **falter** hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.
- **florid** ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose
- **philatelist** stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

- **grotesque** fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)
  - **avalanche** great mass of falling snow and ice
  - **accessible** easy to approach; obtainable
  - **inane** silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity
  - **orientation** act of finding oneself in society; orienting
  - **acidulous** slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
  - **crabbed** sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting
  - **lagoon** shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs
  - **unprepossessing** unattractive
  - **airy** of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
  - **acuity** sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
  - **integrate** make whole; combine; make into one unit
  - **dispatch** speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill
  - **knead** mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough
  - **spry** (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble
  - **addiction** compulsive habitual need
  - **bizarre** fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional
  - **humane** marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian
  - **sycophant** servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic
  - **swear-word** word considered offensive; Ex. “bloody”
  - **sedate** composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative
  - **abet** assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
  - **monograph** scholarly article
  - **preternatural** beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces
  - **jurisdiction** right and power to apply the law; authority
  - **despoil** plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village
  - **voluminous** having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large
  - **dapper** neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry
  - **sleigh** large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice
  - **sullen** silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy
  - **anathema** solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize
  - **destitute** extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience
  - **dismantle** take apart; disassemble
  - **imperative** absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done
  - **disclaim** disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer
  - **indoctrinate** cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism
  - **indigence** poverty
  - **interstice** narrow space between things
  - **abode** dwelling place; home
  - **avuncular** of or like an uncle
  - **matinée(matinee)** dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon
  - **welt** raised mark from a beating or whipping
  - **strangle** kill by choking or suffocating; suppress
  - **flotsam** drifting wreckage
  - **eclipse** darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse
  - **putative** supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child
  - **gerrymander** change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander
  - **implicate** incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime
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- **oblivion** obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness
  - **incompatible** inharmonious; N. incompatibility
  - **assent** agree; accept; N. assessment
  - **momentous** very important; N. moment; CF. momentary
  - **seminal** related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field
  - **histrionic** theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior
  - **stockade** wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier
  - **stem** stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk
  - **vagary** capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander
  - **inculcate** teach (ideas or principles); instill
  - **countermand** cancel; revoke (an order)
  - **insularity** narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula
  - **discriminating** able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination
  - **vouchsafe** grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment

- **rumble** fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)
- **abeyance** suspended action
- **sate** satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy
- **asymmetric** not identical on both sides of a dividing central line
- **rote** repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote
- **immolate** offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)
- **malignant** tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor
- **dysentery** inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract
- **fray** brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub
- **agglomeration** collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
- **phylum** major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division
- **hiatus** gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break
- **irrevocable** unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke
- **contrivance** something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme
- **apostate** one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy
- **ratify** approve formally; confirm; verify
- **loft** room or space under the roof; attic
- **defray** provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay
- **discerning** mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive
- **chagrin** annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)
- **magisterial** authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner
- **warp** twist out of shape; N.
- **phenomena** observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomena; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength
- **plaudit** praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud
- **litter** waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter
- **advent** arrival
- **tenacious** holding fast (as to a belief); persistent
- **touchstone** stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard
- **resound** (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter
- **aperture** opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light
- **coalition** partnership; league; union of separate political parties
- **defame** harm someone's reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory
- **nutrition** process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition
- **sustenance** sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food
- **waive** give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim
- **facilitate** help bring about; make less difficult
- **glean** gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty
- **novelty** something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original
- **avenge** take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.
- **emanate** issue forth; come out
- **shrivel** make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)
- **swell** long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
- **misconduct** immoral behavior; bad management; V.
- **fell** cruel; (of a disease) deadly
- **swear** vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
- **immune** resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity
- **decry** express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films
- **nomenclature** terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things
- **bait** harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
- **exposure** risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption
- **ruminant** animal that ruminates; ADJ.
- **scorch** sear; N.
- **stock** standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique

- **imperceptible** unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable
- **collusion** conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude
- **depravity** extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave
- **quorum** minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting
- **allude** refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
- **pendulous** hanging; suspended
- **pith** core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance
- **psychosomatic** of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)
- **nominal** in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint
- **soar** rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.
- **marred** damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure
- **etymology** study of word parts; study of the origins of words
- **reprise** musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises
- **mammal** vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young
  
- **allure** entice; attract; tempt
- **fracas** brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee
- **embitter** make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.
- **saunter** stroll(go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.
- **determinate** having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final
- **alimentary** supplying nourishment
- **adore** love deeply and respect highly
- **condiments** seasonings; spices
- **forlorn** sad and lonely; wretched; desolate
- **certitude** certainty
- **outcast** one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.
- **nether** lower; Ex. nether garments/regions
- **comity** courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations
- **bout** match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu
- **fell** cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)
- **barefaced** shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

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- **demented** insane
- **subsume** include (as a member of a group); encompass
- **shun** keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.
- **unimpeachable** that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary
- **retard** delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development
- **toga** Roman outer robe
- **decree** authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree
- **conversant** familiar with; having knowledge of
- **douse** plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet throughly; extinguish; throw water over; dowse
- **brooch** ornamental clasp; pin
- **indict** charge; N. indictment
- **gossamer** sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb
- **pyromaniac** person with an insane desire to set things on fire
- **husband** use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF. house holder
- **ovoid** egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate
- **desecrate** profane; violate the sanctity of
- **relinquish** give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm
- **pervasive** spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate
- **ineffable** unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy
- **abstract** theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational
- **disproportion** lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate
- **crevice** crack; fissure
- **extenuate** weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
- **apathy** lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic
- **secrete** conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive
- **meteoric** like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor
- **vertex** summit; highest point; PL. vertices
- **raspy** making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

- **authoritative** having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive
- **tatter** torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes
- **discordant** not harmonious; conflicting
- **recidivism** habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist
- **commonplace** ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark
- **pandemic** widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people
- **prodigious** enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory
- **glib** fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick
- **effusion** pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing
- **imprecation** curse; swearword
- **replicate** reproduce; duplicate
- **hibernal** wintry; wintery; of or like winter
- **unsullied** untarnished; CF. sully
- **figure** written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.
- **goad** urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually
- **sow** plant or scatter seed
- **requite** make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal
- **flicker** burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement
- **reciprocal** mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement
- **laud** praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise
- **expunge** cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase
- **notch** V-shaped cut in a surface; V.
- **translucent** partly transparent
- **repellent** driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.
- **institution** instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage
- **obstinate** stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy
- **riveting** holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing
- **formality** ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality
- **hinterlands** back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland
- **satyr** half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton(unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man
- **throttle** strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat ?
- **faction** party; clique (within a large group); dissension
- **pinion** restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird's wing
- **filch** steal (things of small value)
- **sportive** playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike
- **spontaneity** lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned
- **concede** admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal
- **galleon** large three-masted sailing ship
- **dissemble** disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend
- **missive** letter; written statement; CF. sent
- **temporize** gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself
- **veracity** truthfulness; adherence to the truth
- **valedictory** pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)
- **tithe** tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe
- **lexicographer** compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary
- **plumage** feathers of a bird;
- **molecule** the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance
- **turmoil** extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil
- **endue** provide with some quality; endow
- **parsimony** stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious
- **gouge** tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood
- **homely** not good-looking; unattractive
- **trajectory** path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet
- **gallows** framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

- **ensorious** severely critical
- **aggregate** sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
- **gnarled** twisted
- **beeline** direct quick route
- **baroque** highly ornate
- **anecdote** short story of an amusing or interesting event
- **serendipity** gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip
- **lackluster** lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull
- **flag** droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
- **egoism** excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical
- **gazette** official periodical publication; newspaper
- **scurvy** contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C
- **stringent** (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions
- **unwitting** not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know
- **patois** local or provincial dialect

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- **exact** demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction
- **emaciated** thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)
- **guileless** without deceit
- **centaur** mythical figure, half man and half horse
- **droop** bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.
- **finished** properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance
- **imbibe** drink in
- **dissertation** formal essay; treatise
- **discursive** (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
- **dappled** spotted
- **servitude** slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment
- **humor** indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor
- **drudgery** hard unpleasant work; menial work
- **apex** tip; summit; climax; highest point
- **lancet** small surgical tool for making incisions
- **smart** intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain
- **foul** very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flower/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N: act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul
- **negate** cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation
- **comestible** something fit to be eaten
- **plump** pleasantly fat; nicely rounded
- **interdict** prohibit; forbid; N.
- **urgent** compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands
- **isotope** varying from of an element
- **gusto** eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm
- **nihilist** one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement
- **obliterate** destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village
- **sleek** smooth and shining (as from good health); V.
- **relapse** return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.
- **acetic** vinegary
- **frivolous** lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial
- **anomaly** irregularity
- **insouciant** without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent
- **commodious** spacious and comfortable
- **prize** pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)
- **rapture** great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous
- **grotto** small cavern
- **macerate** soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper
- **incite** arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion
- **crass** very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and indiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior
- **yore** time long past; Ex. in the days of yore
- **calorific** heat-producing; N. calorie
- **rake** immoral or dissolute person
- **invective** abuse
- **judicious** sound on judgment; wise

- **categorical** without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute
  - **chafe** warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.
  - **captious** faultfinding; too critical
  - **expropriate** take possession of (often for public use and without payment)
  - **palm** conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir
  - **intermediary** intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between
  - **implode** burst inward; CF. vacuum tube
  - **credo** creed
  - **malapropism** comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop
  - **pretension** pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.
  - **stint** set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint:savings
  - **lubricate** apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction
  - **advert** refer
  - **comely** attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance
  - **ambivalence** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions
  - **bereaved** deprived of (someone beloved through death)
  - **glutton** someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much
  - **lurk** stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived
  - **profound** deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity
  - **stipend** pay for services
  - **mountebank** charlatan; boastful pretender
  - **parchment** writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat
  - **cursory** casual; hastily done with little attention to detail
  - **vilify** slander; speak evil of; N. vilification
  - **doom** condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.
  - **opposite** appropriate; fitting
  - **hem** surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.
  - **venom** poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous
  - **retort** quick sharp reply; V.
  - **saline** salty
  - **plausible** conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious
  - **gall** annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation
  - **foster** rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents
  - **mortician** undertaker; CF. death
  - **legerdemain** sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand
  - **obsessive** related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively
  - **respiration** breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory
  - **charisma** divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism
  - **empirical** based on experience
  - **causal** implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality
  - **barterer** trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money
  - **fundamental** basic; primary; essential
  - **hostility** unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile
  - **breed** produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant
  - **gravity** seriousness; ADJ. grave
  - **enact** make (a bill) into law
  - **demur** object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday
  - **manumit** emancipate; free from slavery or bondage
  - **omnipresent** universally present; ubiquitous
  - **condole** express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow
  - **sour** having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.
  - **relic** surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.
  - **reckon** count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose
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- **hoax** trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.
  - **disparage** belittle
  - **sphinx-like** enigmatic; mysterious
  - **base** contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron
  - **extant** (of something written or painted) still in existence
  - **puny** tiny; weak; insignificant

- **epistemologist** philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology
- **sprightly** lively
- **procurement** obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another
- **eugenic** pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race
- **pedant** scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities
- **hamper** obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N:
- **champion** support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)
- **jargon** language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk
- **intuition** immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition
- **orthography** correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics
- **rustic** pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person
- **diffuse** wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse
- **taper** very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end
- **bearing** deportment; connection
- **ideology** system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture
- **sadistic** inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty
- **malady** illness
- **lance** pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon
- **advocacy** support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
- **trek** travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey
- **wage** begin and continue (a war)
- **primogeniture** seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)
- **execrable** very bad; detestable
- **catharsis** purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art
- **malign** speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence
- **resumption** taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.
- **denounce** condemn; criticize; N. denunciation
- **carat(karat)** unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
- **enmity** ill will; hatred; hostility
- **demagogue** person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery
- **misogynist** hater of woman; CF. misogyny
- **lottery** contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots
- **buffoon** stupid person; clown
- **horticultural** pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops
- **depredation** plundering; destruction
- **headstrong** willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'excessive'
- **pellucid** transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand
- **cathartic** purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
- **knell** tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.
- **welter** confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data
- **jaundice** medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V: affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias
- **deleterious** harmful
- **insuperable** insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties
- **irksome** annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy
- **component** element; ingredient
- **scintillate** sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation
- **corpus** collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear's works; Cf. corpse
- **weird** eerie; strange; unnatural
- **dawdle** loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing
- **nascent** incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music
- **valid** logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport
- **shambles** (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.
- **gloss** brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.
- **commandeer** take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

- **rig** arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails
  - **disbar** make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession
  - **fitful** spasmodic; intermittent; irregular
  - **altercation** noisy quarrel
  - **apropos** with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
  - **checkered(chequered)** marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares
  - **insinuate** hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss's favor; CF. ingratiate
  - **muted** silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise
  - **dys-** abnormal; impaired
  - **cornice** projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars);
  - **alchemy** medieval chemistry
  - **temper** moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling
  - **nefarious** very wicked
  - **mutilate** maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part
  - **infernal** pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction
  - **inflated** exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)
  - **polyglot** speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.
  - **hail** frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail
  - **bent** determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination
  - **vindictive** disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak
  - **perfunctory** done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss
  - **facade( façade)** front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance
  - **bawdy** indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd
  - **palliate** ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)
  - **equitable** fair; impartial; OP. inequitable
  - **prophetic** of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet
  - **impassive** without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face
  - **erode** eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.
  - **provincial** pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated
  - **trickle** flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.
  - **frisk** move about playfully; frolic; ADJ. frisky: playful
  - **explicit** totally clear; definite; outspoken
  - **purse** pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet
  - **engender** cause; produce; give rise to
  - **queasy** experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy
  - **bestial** beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel
  - **din** continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition
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- **belie** contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.
  - **rehabilitate** restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of
  - **bland** soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence
  - **compulsion** compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse
  - **venison** meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb: lamb
  - **euphoria** feeling of exaggerated or unfounded(ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric
  - **tumid** (of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous
  - **tempo** speed of music
  - **scapegoat** someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat
  - **shove** push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.
  - **tensile** capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber
  - **bound** leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound
  - **tutelary** protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities
  - **odyssey** long, eventful, adventurous journey
  - **abstemious** sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
  - **gale** windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughers, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

- **sentimental** swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments
- **barb** sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark
- **beneficial** helpful; useful; advantageous
- **billow** large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows
- **verisimilar** having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible
- **ravage** devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms
- **disconsolate** hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)
- **outmoded** no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned
- **ruminate** chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)
- **epigram** witty thought or saying, usually short
- **mealymouthed** indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive
- **unerringly** infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes
- **arcane** esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener
- **founder** person who establishes (an organization or business)
- **disgruntle** make discontented
- **monastic** related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns
- **unfaltering** steadfast; firm; not changing
- **porous** full of pores; like a sieve
- **snip** short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors
- **canto** division of a long poem
- **elliptical** elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out
- **tractable** docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability
- **tantamount** equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount
- **abbreviate** shorten
- **superfluous** excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity
- **unassuming** modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner
- **mannerism** distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)
- **inalienable** not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights
- **ephemeral** short-lived; fleeting
- **trough** long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves
- **morbid** given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease
- **grandiose** affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas
- **itinerant** wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher
- **onslaught** vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy
- **executor** person designated to execute the terms of a will;
- **verbalize** put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb
- **exemplify** show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.
- **expostulation** protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate
- **temerity** boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day's work
- **misanthrope** one who hates mankind; misanthropist
- **manipulate** operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative
- **gall** bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; (bile); CF. gall bladder
- **obloquy** slander; disgrace; infamy
- **tint** slight degree of color; V: give a tint to
- **avarice** greediness for wealth
- **flutter** (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.
- **transpire** (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores
- **gracious** kind in a generous way (to someone less important)
- **console** lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation
- **bravado** swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery
- **unsavory** distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation
- **claustrophobia** fear of being locked in
- **dispirited** lacking in spirit
- **historical** connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)
- **circuit** closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

- **elaborate** work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.
  - **censure** blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval
  - **vampire** ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living
  - **obnoxious** offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell
  - **cubicle** small chamber used for sleeping or work
  - **residual** remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue
  - **vogue** popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.
  - **cardiologist** doctor specializing in ailments of the heart
  - **purveyor** furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide
  - **spatial** relating to space
  - **trance** hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one's physical surrounding (as in contemplation or day-dreaming); CF. transition
  - **frail** weak; N. frailty
  - **incorporeal** without a material body; insubstantial
  - **sear** burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither
  - **chimerical** fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature
  - **megalomania** mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance
  - **caliber** ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber
  - **discord** conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)
  - **insubordination** disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate
  - **granary** storehouse for grain
  - **moratorium** legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses
  - **intolerant** not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate
  - **contest** dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.
  - **natty** neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser
  - **uxorious** excessively submissive or devoted to one's wife; CF. uxor: wife
  - **reproach** blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful
- ## 13
- **onus** burden; responsibility
  - **rooster** cock; adult male chicken
  - **beguile** deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile
  - **herbivorous** grain-eating; CF. herbivore
  - **battalion** army unit made up of four or more companies
  - **academic** related to a school; not practical or directly useful
  - **ambience** environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature
  - **perfidious** treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery
  - **wring** twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)
  - **dearth** scarcity
  - **deport** send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment
  - **superannuated** retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete
  - **wag** shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit
  - **bemused** confused; lost in thought; preoccupied
  - **probe** explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe
  - **wreak** inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on
  - **swathe** swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one's head swathed in bandages
  - **choir** group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir
  - **infringe** violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)
  - **conundrum** riddle; difficult problem
  - **premeditate** plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder
  - **pillage** plunder
  - **pen** fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose
  - **spangle** small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation
  - **avantgarde** group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard
  - **convention** social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement
  - **debilitate** weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble
  - **speck** small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye
  - **unctuous** oily; bland; insincerely suave
  - **effete** having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted
  - **epaulet(epaulette)** ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

- **clipper** sailing vessel built for great speed
- **oculist** physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes
- **rabble** mob; noisy crowd
- **habituate** accustom or familiarize; addict
- **broil** cook by direct heat; N.
- **ingratiate** become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss
- **accommodate** oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accomodating: helpful and obliging
- **cognizance** knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware
- **prolong** lengthen; extend; draw out
- **herd** group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle
- **equanimity** calmness of temperament; composure
- **lethal** deadly
- **apoplexy** stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain
- **fauna** animals of a period or region; CF. flora
- **appreciate** be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference
- **intransigence** refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising
- **intellect** higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability
- **credulity** belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naiveté; ADJ. credulous
- **damn** condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation
- **embark** commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey
- **exult** rejoice
- **concerted** mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together
- **innocuous** harmless
- **minatory** menacing; threatening
- **insurrection** rebellion; uprising
- **evanescent** fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce
- **hoard** stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use
- **stealth** action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy
- **incognito** with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.
- **deflect** turn aside; turn away from a straight course
- **refectory** dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)
- **exacerbate** worsen; aggravate; embitter
- **diverse** differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance
- **ovation** enthusiastic applause
- **plane** carpenter's tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat
- **verbatim** word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly
- **flagrant** conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
- **impale** pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear
- **vigor** active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous
- **gourmet** connoisseur of food and drink; epicure
- **precocious** advanced in development; N. precocity
- **smug** self-satisfied; complacent
- **seethe** be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.
- **equilibrium** balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity
- **inextricable** from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories
- **composure** mental calmness
- **invulnerable** secure from corruption, attack, or violation (or profanation); unassailable; Ex. invulnerable oath/rights; N. invulnerability
- **avid** greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity
- **aureole** sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light
- **holster** leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)
- **blunt** having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt
- **championship** position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion
- **incline** slope; slant; Ex. steep incline
- **cog** tooth projecting from a wheel
- **apprehensive** fearful; discerning
- **actuate** motivate; activate; cause to act
- **gerontology** study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age
- **bard** poet
- **larder** pantry; place where food is kept
- **cleft** N: split
- **rider** amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

- **jostle** shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds
- **coquette** flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.
- **exhume** dig out of the ground; remove from a grave
- **crypt** secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)
- **resurrect** revive

## 14

- **zenith** point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point
- **stamina** power of endurance; strength; staying power
- **blurt** utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement
- **extrapolation** projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information
- **vagabond** wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp
- **check** stop motion; curb or restrain
- **sophisticated** worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate
- **solstice** point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator
- **amalgamate** (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
- **auspicious** favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices
- **pediatrician** physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics
- **elucidate** explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid
- **foolhardy** rash; reckless; foolishly daring
- **erroneous** mistaken; wrong; incorrect
- **title** name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate
- **fallible** liable to err
- **alimony** payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
- **hirsute** hairy; having a lot of hair
- **militia** army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers
- **sheaf** bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together
- **rusticate** banish to the country; dwell in the country
- **ardor** heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
- **sonic** of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic
- **leaven** add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens
- **suborn** persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation
- **pare** cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses
- **misdemeanor** minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing
- **tendentious** promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction
- **throes** violent anguish
- **nova** star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness
- **savor** enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality
- **apolitical** having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
- **emancipate** set free; liberate
- **bovine** cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm
- **expletive** meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
- **agape** openmouthed
- **lampoon** ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
- **forte** strong point or special talent in a person's character
- **supple** flexible; limber; pliant
- **demerit** fault; bad quality
- **callus** area of thick hard skin
- **defoliate** destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant
- **credence** belief
- **flip** send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over
- **prognosis** forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic
- **flounder** struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
- **skiff** small light sailboat or rowboat
- **demoniac(demoniacal)** fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil
- **ruse** trick to deceive; stratagem
- **sequester** isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life
- **transgression** violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong
- **analogous** comparable; similar
- **eclectic** selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism
- **mangle** tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

- **waver** move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing
  - **buccaneer** pirate
  - **placid** peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake
  - **inscrutable** difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious
  - **gaudy** flashy; showy
  - **pigment** coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)
  - **skittish** inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit
  - **precept** practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother's precept
  - **contumacious** stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)
  - **solace** comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble
  - **affliction** state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
  - **introspective** looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination
  - **contravene** contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention
  - **daunt** intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten
  - **apogee** highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
  - **mar** spoil the appearance of
  - **temperament** characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress
  - **misadventure** mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure
  - **flick** light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
  - **plenitude** abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty
  - **preposterous** absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous
  - **benefactor** gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
  - **suspense** state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty
  - **gobble** eat very quickly
  - **unfetter** liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter
  - **incarnation** act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation
  - **palette** board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)
  - **erudite** (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition
  - **askew** crookedly; slanted; at an angle
  - **ostensible** apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition
  - **cringe** shrink back as if in fear; cower
  - **perennial** something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring
  - **generate** cause; produce; create
  - **appraise** estimate value of; N. appraisal
  - **executioner** person administering capital punishment
  - **imperil** put in danger
  - **uncanny** strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack
  - **sonnet** 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern
  - **compromise** adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.
  - **bestow** confer
  - **addendum** addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
  - **anonymity** state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous
  - **maritime** bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces
- ## 15
- **solicit** entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer
  - **fatuous** smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness
  - **ingrained** deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice
  - **inclement** stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement
  - **biting** sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
  - **pronounced** distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp
  - **abstain** refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote;
  - **meditation** reflection; thought; V. meditate
  - **unguent** ointment
  - **sift** put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

- **authoritarian** subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father
  - **ruddy** reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking
  - **rig** fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election
  - **consort** associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)
  - **kaleidoscope** tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful
  - **deluge** flood; rush; V.
  - **devout** pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope
  - **defection** desertion
  - **conclusive** decisive; ending all debate
  - **headlong** hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.
  - **antique** made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable
  - **handsome** large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward
  - **pitfall** hidden danger; concealed trap
  - **dilettante** aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight
  - **assurance** firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one's own ability; showing certainty
  - **inordinate** beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands
  - **macabre** gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death
  - **commemorate** honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war
  - **belabor** harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically
  - **quiescent** dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence
  - **complacency** self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent
  - **confiscate** seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer
  - **hierarchy** arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority
  - **notable** conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted
  - **shard** fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)
  - **abase** lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (one-self) lose self-respect
  - **nonchalance** indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts
  - **bargain** agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power
  - **appellation** name; title
  - **awry** distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.
  - **diversion** act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse
  - **retrieve** recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation
  - **baffle** frustrate; perplex
  - **bluff** pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured
- ## 4
- **trunk** main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant
  - **blasé** bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored
  - **sophist** teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument
  - **dire** warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food
  - **sextant** navigation tool used to determine a ship's latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)
  - **prudent** cautious; careful; prudential
  - **seamy** sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life
  - **constituency** voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)
  - **hindmost** furthest behind; farthest to the rear
  - **bog** soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud
  - **recluse** hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive
  - **ventilate** admit fresh air into to replace stale air
  - **constraint** restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison
  - **horde** crowd; swarm
  - **pandemonium** wild tumult(commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

- **impropriety** impropriety; unsuitableness
  - **ostracize** banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism
  - **ravine** narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon
  - **vigilant** watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance
  - **sway** swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.
  - **ascertain** find out for certain; make certain
  - **eccentric** irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric
  - **rasp** (of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat's tongue rasped my hand.
  - **recast** reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again
  - **effervescence** inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce
  - **succumb** yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness
  - **encipher** encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher
  - **complaisant** trying to please; obliging; willing to please others
  - **negligible** so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded
  - **import** significance; importance; meaning
  - **disinclination** unwillingness
  - **scale** climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones
  - **precipitous** steep; overhasty; precipitate
  - **torpor** lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating
  - **bliss** complete happiness; ADJ. blissful
  - **buffoonery** clowning
  - **autocratic** having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy
  - **denomination** religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic
  - **rickety** (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D
  - **drone** talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.
  - **impertinent** insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence
  - **enjoin** command; order; forbid
  - **commonwealth** nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation
  - **idle** not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.
  - **exhort** urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation
  - **rout** put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat
  - **tundra** rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
  - **indisputable** too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt
  - **indulgent** humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence
  - **arable** fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
  - **imprudent** lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious
  - **impel** drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action
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- **scrupulous** conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker
  - **rigid** hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule
  - **versatile** having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility
  - **mediocre** ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad
  - **nourishment** something that nourishes; food
  - **orthodox** traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine
  - **adherent** supporter; follower
  - **hybrid** mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize
  - **glaze** cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery
  - **memorial** something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative
  - **satiate** satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated
  - **righteous** morally upright; just
  - **castigation** punishment; severe criticism or disapproval
  - **incarnate** endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody
  - **expeditious** done with speed; quick; N. expedition
  - **homespun** domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy
  - **abscission** cutting off; separation

- **phoenix** symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes
- **perceptive** insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception
- **taunt** deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.
- **polarity** state of having two opposite qualities
- **constituent** supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component
- **excise** cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision
- **prey** target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.
- **obsolete** outmoded; no longer used
- **vying** contending; CF. vie
- **impuissance** powerlessness; feebleness
- **distinct** clearly different; clearly noticed
- **healthful** conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air
- **unequivocal** plain; clear; obvious
- **profligate** wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy
- **opportunist** individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism
- **sovereign** ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent
- **myriad** very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand
- **unfledged** immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling
- **rancid** having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank
- **pecuniary** pertaining to money
- **hurl** throw forcefully; shout out violently
- **founder** fail completely; sink; CF. flounder
- **sacrosanct** inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable
- **conviction** judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief
- **cornucopia** horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty
- **disgorge** surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge
- **emend** correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement
- **hindrance** block; obstacle; V. hinder
- **cistern** reservoir or water tank
- **cipher** nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.
- **bristling** rising like bristles; showing irritation
- **cadence** rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm
- **outlaw** fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.
- **gratis** free; without charge; ADJ.
- **stalemate** deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked
- **avert** prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.
- **bleak** cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing
- **liquidate** settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish
- **concordat** formal agreement
- **prance** move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)
- **conjecture** surmise; guess; V.
- **prodigal** wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality
- **dingy** (of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain
- **ferocious** fierce; violent; N. ferocity
- **confidence** self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one's abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I'm telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident
- **preen** make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune
- **adorn** decorate
- **malingeringer** one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work
- **crotchety** (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion
- **ancestry** family descent; ADJ. ancestral
- **quack** charlatan; impostor
- **inductive** pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general
- **quietude** tranquillity; calmness
- **spartan** without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life
- **surreptitious** done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden
- **undermine** weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

- **stultify** make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression
- **querulous** given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining
- **anodyne** drug that relieves pain or trouble; ; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement
- **comeuppance** deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke
- **largess** generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)
- **endorse** approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal
- **pall** become boring; grow tiresome
- **frantic** wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear
- **voluptuous** sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person
- **clip** cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener
- **podiatrist** doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics
- **philistine** narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete
- **assail** assault
- **boost** lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase
- **diverge** vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating
- **indelible** not able to be erased
- **hoodwink** deceive; delude
- **fabricate** build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society
- **minuscule(miniscule)** extremely small
- **bigotry** stubborn intolerance
- **forthcoming** happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.
- **seine** seine net; net for catching fish
- **enamored** in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love
- **stammer** speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions
- **ingenue** ingénue; young innocent girl
- **grudge** deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.
- **lugubrious** mournful; sorrowful
- **remit** transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment
- **glaring** (of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly
- **convene** come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council
- **obsequy** funeral ceremony
- **subdue** less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one's anger
- **dominate** control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height;
- **acrimonious** stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior
- **inadvertently** unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
- **antiquated** obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated
- **dregs** sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue
- **peer** one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress
- **rabies** disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)
- **rabid** of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia
- **absolute** complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
- **illicit** illegal
- **inveigle** deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly
- **prosperity** good fortune and financial success; physical well-being
- **blare** loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light
- **candor** frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid
- **talisman** charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer
- **ubiquitous** being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity
- **multiplicity** state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element
- **renovate** restore to good condition; renew
- **natal** connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal
- **nuptial** of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony
- **premonition** forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

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- **hale** healthy
- **regent** a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent

- **tempestuous** stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm
- **ballast** heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
- **accolade** award of merit; strong praise and approval
- **gentility** those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel
- **retentive** holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
- **desperate** having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort
- **manifesto** public declaration of principles; statement of policy
- **covert** secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt
- **overweening** arrogant; presumptuous
- **extort** wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortionate: exorbitant
- **trifle** something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt
- **pungent** stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency
- **encompass** surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.
- **surmise** guess; N.
- **graze** (of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound
- **partiality** state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference
- **reaper** one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop
- **lull** moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby
- **politic** prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised
- **papyrus** ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant
- **specious** seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)
- **postulate** self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)
- **genealogy** record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry
- **mellifluous** (of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune
- **leonine** like a lion
- **assimilate** absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)
- **dally** trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time
- **queer** strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal
- **tribune** official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people
- **fathom** comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water
- **promulgate** announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication
- **lateral** of or coming from the side
- **onomatopoeia** words formed in imitation of natural sounds
- **rudimentary** elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language
- **gambol** romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.
- **inclusive** tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge
- **waffle** speak equivocally about an issue; N.
- **sparse** not thick; thinly scattered; scanty
- **melee** fight
- **harrowing** agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth
- **partition** divide into parts
- **soluble** able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved
- **supercilious** haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium
- **minute** extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting
- **iridescent** exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence
- **precise** exact
- **depreciate** lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value
- **immutable** unchangeable
- **winsome** charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging
- **optimist** person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism
- **inaugurate** begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural
- **irrelevant** not applicable; unrelated
- **quaint** odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque
- **studied** carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

- **concentric** having a common center
- **pacify** soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to
- **friction** clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against
- **scenario** plot outline; screenplay(script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events
- **concession** an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire
- **serenity** calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene
- **menial** suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)
- **amputate** cut off part of body; prune (a limb)
- **incarcerate** imprison
- **presumptuous** going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties
- **blithe(blithesome)** gay; joyous
- **cognitive** having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

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- **plaintive** expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song
- **rivulet** small stream; CF. rill ; rivulet ; river
- **warranty** guarantee; assurance by seller
- **equinox** period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ. equinoctial
- **vital** full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; living; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize
- **impugn** dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight
- **yen** strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel
- **retrench** cut down; cut down expenses; economize
- **babble** chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.
- **gastronomy** art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome
- **ventriloquist** someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaws); N. ventriloquism, ventriloquy
- **deplete** reduce; exhaust
- **necromancy** black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro+divination; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis
- **chasm** abyss; very deep crack
- **maternal** motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

- **daze** stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.
- **caste** one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige
- **immure** imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall
- **rhapsodize** speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery
- **stupor** state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness
- **deface** mar; disfigure
- **revert** relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion
- **parquet** floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece
- **fickle** changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless
- **inimical** (of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy
- **consonant** harmonious; in agreement; N.
- **gauche** clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth
- **falsify** make (something written) false by changing
- **repine** fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work
- **integral** complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part
- **ursine** bearlike; pertaining to a bear
- **miasma** swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence
- **deviate** turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism
- **slapdash** hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy(carelessly done)
- **maim** mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life
- **decapitate** behead
- **intractable** unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child
- **cordial** warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome
- **unilateral** one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration
- **verbose** wordy; N. verbosity
- **tonsure** shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.
- **masticate** chew
- **gestate** evolve as in prenatal growth; N. gestation: period of development from conception until birth
- **rhetoric** art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it ?"

- **melancholy** gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia
- **retiring** shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality
- **agrarian** pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
- **visceral** felt in one's inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate
- **palate** roof of the mouth; sense of the taste
- **cleave** split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven
- **detonation** explosion
- **levitate** rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light
- **fit** sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy
- **default** failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.
- **stampede** sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V: participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises
- **factitious** artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
- **bastard** illegitimate child
- **outlook** point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook
- **dank** damp; unpleasantly wet
- **brevity** conciseness; shortness of duration
- **whimsy** whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy
- **gust** strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster
- **trinket** knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry
- **extemporaneous** not planned; impromptu; extempore
- **universal** characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest
- **interrogate** question closely; cross-examine; cross-question
- **ferment** agitation; commotion(noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)
- **apothegm(apophthegm)** pithy, compact saying
- **transport** strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transports of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture
- **tickle** touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please
- **chaff** worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff
- **irreverence** lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent
- **trifling** trivial; unimportant
- **chronicle** report; record (in chronological order)
- **gourmand** epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
- **regal** royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner
- **earn** gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
- **glower** scowl; glare; look or stare angrily
- **prefatory** introductory; of a preface
- **gruff** rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse
- **harangue** long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.
- **carion** rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture
- **broach** introduce as a subject; moot; open up
- **enigma** puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling
- **disinter** dig up; unearth; OP. inter
- **defrock** strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock
- **craft** skill (esp. with one's hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning
- **collateral** security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters
- **reek** emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench
- **staid** serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony
- **satire** form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly
- **solicitor** lawyer in the lower court of law
- **synthesis** combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize
- **mange** skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair
- **camp** group sharing a common cause or opinion
- **viable** capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme
- **obviate** make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

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- **confound** confuse; puzzle
- **conifer** pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen
- **dissonance** discord
- **dehydrate** remove water from; dry out

- **cauterize** burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
- **suture** stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound
- **epicure** connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus
- **prelate** church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)
- **defect** shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)
- **incriminate** accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence
- **sectarian** of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person
- **forsake** desert; abandon; renounce
- **inerrancy** infallibility
- **somatic** pertaining to the body; bodily; physical
- **die** metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice
- **gavel** hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.
- **monochrome** painting in only one color; ADJ.
- **thrash** beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.
- **geriatrics** medical treatment and care of old age
- **discretion** prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary
- **dictum** authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)
- **animus** hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
- **acclaim** applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
- **reprobate** morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God ?
- **kleptomaniac** person who has a compulsive desire to steal
- **tycoon** wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon
- **resignation** patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent
- **microcosm** small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society
- **prosaic** lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact(concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose
- **fuss:** trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby
- **compassion** sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate
- **anthropoid** manlike; resembling a human being; N.
- **pauper** very poor person
- **fallow** (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated
- **entreat** plead; ask earnestly
- **disconcert** confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb
- **unruly** disobedient; lawless; difficult to control
- **portion** dose (of liquids); liquid dose
- **bigot** one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)
- **ingenuous** naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid
- **illusive** deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive
- **orient** get one's bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate
- **raiment** clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
- **Bacchanalia** the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
- **pucker** gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold
- **casual** happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark
- **pummel** pommel; beat or pound with fists
- **curmudgeon** churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person
- **coup** highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d'état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills
- **glimmer** shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope
- **synchronous** similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize
- **impudence** impertinence; insolence
- **quaff** drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); ; CF. sip
- **paramount** foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-beyond; above; Ex. paranormal
- **violate** break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves
- **stellar** pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance
- **affected** artificial; pretended

- **notoriety** disrepute; ill fame
  - **fluctuate** waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly
  - **slaughter** killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers
  - **levee** earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise
  - **embroider** decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish
  - **correlation** mutual relationship
  - **crossbreed** hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed
  - **centripetal** tending toward the center
  - **malefactor** evildoer; criminal
  - **loquacious** talkative; N. loquacity
  - **garrulous** loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity
  - **Occident** the West
  - **lilliputian** extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver's Travels
  - **prude** excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety
  - **pallid** pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion
  - **flinch** hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
  - **romp** play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.
  - **acerbity** bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
  - **cumulative** growing by addition; accumulative
  - **dignitary** person of high rank or position
  - **berserk** mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
  - **languish** lose animation or strength
  - **outskirts** fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston
  - **paranoia** psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac
  - **paradox** something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
  - **infinitesimal** very small
  - **masquerade** wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise
  - **shade** slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey
  - **merit** good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn
  - **charlatan** quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)
  - **legacy** gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor
  - **suffuse** spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.
  - **prelude** introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner
  - **cursive** (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined
  - **alleviate** relieve (pain)
  - **hireling** one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician
  - **palatial** of or suitable for a palace; magnificent
  - **execrate** curse; express abhorrence for; detest
  - **disheveled** untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel
  - **geniality** cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered
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- **sanguinary** bloody; with much bloodshed
  - **impediment** hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment
  - **dolt** slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
  - **sacrilegious** desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred
  - **nutritious** providing nourishment
  - **menace** threat; V: threaten
  - **dilapidated** falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
  - **cataract** great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
  - **usury** lending money at illegal high rates of interest
  - **impute** attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation
  - **jaundiced** yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye
  - **lace** cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace
  - **prophylactic** used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease
  - **paroxysm** fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
  - **transmute** transform; change; convert to something different
  - **submerge** place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work
  - **foppish** vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

- **psychopathic** pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder
- **porridge** soft food made by boiling oatmeal
- **religious** of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
- **cumbersome** heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform
- **volley** simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.
- **silt** sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)
- **catcall** shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
- **sleep** one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable
- **replete** fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors
- **rakish** jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.
- **writhe** twist in coils; contort in pain
- **satirical** using satire; mocking
- **nauseate** cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea
- **muddle** confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion
- **varnish** paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
- **chortle** chuckle with delight; N.
- **multiform** having many forms
- **dilate** expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)
- **monarchy** government under a single ruler
- **layman** man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional
- **flair** talent
- **fluke** unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky
- **ornithologist** scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds
- **bank** heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning
- **ruthless** pitiless; merciless; cruel
- **entail** make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B
- **prosody** art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse
- **acme** peak; pinnacle; highest point
- **delusive** deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises
- **torso** trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk
- **asinine** stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
- **adulterate** make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
- **economy** efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources
- **derelict** negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person
- **lust** intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.
- **ignite** kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to
- **convex** curving outward
- **vociferous** clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)
- **knack** special talent; art
- **matrimony** state of being married
- **self-righteous** sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic
- **caustic** burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless
- **icon(ikon)** religious image; idol; image or representation
- **static** having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state
- **allege** state without proof
- **victuals** food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food
- **ennui** boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy
- **heyday** time of greatest success or power; prime
- **obese** excessively fat; N. obesity
- **maxim** proverb; truth pithily stated
- **stupefy** stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze
- **ecstasy** rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy
- **impotent** weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power
- **tureen** deep dish for serving soup
- **statute** law enacted by the legislature
- **stoop** bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying
- **aromatic** fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell
- **frustrate** thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose
- **hothead** person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

- **abut** border upon; adjoin
- **litigation** lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate
- **descry** catch sight of (something distant)
- **squeamish** easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.
- **abrogate** abolish
- **grill** question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars
- **conciliatory** reconciling; soothing; V. conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)
- **burgeon** grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon
- **freebooter** pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich
- **bruise** injure without breaking the skin; N.
- **amorphous** formless; lacking shape or definition
- **sedition** conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious
- **groom** man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)
- **circuitous** roundabout
- **determination** resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision
- **peerless** having no equal; incomparable
- **mobile** movable; not fixed; N. mobility
- **sultry** (of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous
- **banal** hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
- **prehensile** capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails
- **unction** the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction
- **canvass** determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.
- **primary** first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first
- **consecrate** dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor
- **provisional** tentative; temporary
- **marsupial** one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch (pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat
- **debunk** expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule
- **bilk** swindle; cheat
- **well-bred** of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined
- **harbinger** forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)
- **ramshackle** (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart
- **consensus** general agreement; opinion reached by a group
- **postmortem** autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem
- **robust** strong; vigorous
- **dismember** cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb
- **veneer** thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.
- **capillary** having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity
- **bust** piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster
- **lot** object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land
- **minion** servile dependent; obsequious follower
- **incorrigible** uncorrectable
- **fancied** imagined; unreal
- **institutionalize** make into an institution; put or confine in an institution
- **forfeit** something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture
- **rendezvous** meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.
- **replenish** fill up again
- **defunct** dead; no longer in use or existence
- **occlude** shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.
- **arboretum** place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited
- **kindred** related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

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- **repulsion** distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not 'repulse')
- **deliberate** consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow
- **carafe** glass water bottle; decanter
- **permissive** allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society
- **touching** causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched
- **symmetry** arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical
- **serpentine** winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake
- **stymie** thwart; present an obstacle; stump

- **intrude** put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one's own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in
- **maul** handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer
- **fructify** bear fruit; produce fruit
- **rife** (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current
- **niggardly** meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person
- **doze** sleep lightly; nap
- **rationation** reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically
- **mollycoddle** pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively
- **warble** (of a bird) sing; babble; N.
- **anthem** song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem
- **defalcate** embezzle
- **plutocracy** society ruled by the wealthy
- **muse** ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)
- **shed** small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves
- **jocular** said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking
- **appropriate** acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate
- **corrosive** eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce
- **paucity** scarcity; dearth
- **glutinous** sticky; viscous; gluey
- **unkempt** disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb
- **lionize** treat (a person) as a celebrity
- **spare** give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time
- **barrister** counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar
- **turbid** (of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick
- **ram** male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact
- **subside** sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate
- **cower** shrink quivering as from fear; cringe
- **careen** lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger
- **pharisaical** pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical
- **warrant** justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee
- **polemic** attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy
- **tipple** drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink
- **pry** inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying
- **hackneyed** commonplace; trite
- **poise** good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position
- **humility** humbleness of spirit
- **snub** ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.
- **fetid(foetid)** malodorous; foul
- **slipshod** slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work
- **fluted** having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column
- **gangrene** decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous
- **dynamic** energetic; vigorously active
- **fanaticism** excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic
- **ambrosia** food of the gods
- **zealot** one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal
- **inimitable** matchless; not able to be imitated
- **catalyst** agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis
- **synthetic** not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.
- **grandiloquent** (of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic
- **solitude** state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof
- **allegiance** loyalty
- **begrudge** envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.
- **bereft** deprived of (something valuable); lacking
- **faculty** mental or bodily powers; teaching staff
- **infamous** notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N: infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

- **importunate** urging; always demanding; troublesomely urgent or persistent
- **conformist** person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms
- **prank** mischievous trick
- **wily** crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem
- **merger** combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

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- **heedless** not noticing; disregarding
- **provenance** place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come
- **detached** emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment
- **converse** opposite; ADJ.
- **invalidate** weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify
- **invert** turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of
- **plagiarize** steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap
- **forensic** suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine
- **culvert** artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road
- **generic** characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus
- **coalesce** combine; fuse; N. coalescence
- **erotic** pertaining to passionate love or sexual love
- **incense** enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor
- **prattle** talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate
- **imbalance** lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion
- **pseudonym** pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous
- **supernumerary** person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number
- **transitory** transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness
- **alacrity** cheerful promptness without reluctance
- **remittance** remitting of money; amount of money remitted
- **timbre** quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)
- **resuscitate** revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child
- **culmination** highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war
- **figurine** small ornamental statuette(very small statue)
- **ravel** fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist
- **stem from** arise from; originate from
- **decipher** decode; CF. indecipherable
- **endear** make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced
- **prohibitive** so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax
- **obdurate** stubborn; refusing to change one's belief
- **millennium** thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity
- **pittance** small amount (of money); small allowance or wage
- **admonish** warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove
- **bane** posion; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
- **cliché** phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd
- **sovereignty** complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern
- **juridical** of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary
- **mace** ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; club-like medieval weapon
- **incrustation** hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust
- **abject** (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
- **aberration** deviation from the normal; mental disorder
- **desperado** reckless, desperate outlaw
- **concurrent** happening at the same time; in agreement
- **subservient** behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience
- **civil** having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic
- **sully** defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one's hands in menial labor
- **tend** have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one's attention; attend
- **prone** inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

- **sonorous** resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound
- **chalice** goblet; consecrated cup
- **blighted** suffering from a disease; destroyed
- **lank** long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln
- **migrant** changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates
- **collage** work of art put together from fragments
- **somnambulist** sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism
- **flush** redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing
- **dismiss** eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal
- **benediction** blessing
- **libretto** text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book
- **vegetate** live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan
- **navigable** (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered
- **salacious** lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk
- **neologism** new or newly coined word or phrase
- **codicil** supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will
- **tension** stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people
- **cordons** extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; ( ) ; V.
- **disjunction** act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive
- **wary** very cautious; watchful
- **effectuate** effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation
- **vex** annoy; distress
- **clapper** striker (tongue) of a bell
- **décolleté** (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)
- **brag** boast
- **injurious** harmful; causing injury
- **ciliated** having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash
- **precursor** forerunner; predecessor
- **repudiate** disown; disavow; deny
- **tome** large volume; book
- **flirt** behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious
- **diligence** steadiness of effort; persistent hard work
- **limn** draw; outline; describe; CF. line ?
- **beset** harass or trouble from all directions; hem in
- **platonic** purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire
- **parallel** similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled
- **restitution** returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
- **unsightly** ugly; unpleasant to look at
- **domineer** rule over tyrannically
- **billowing** swelling out in waves; surging
- **aboriginal** being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
- **recount** narrate or tell (a story); count over again
- **disarray** state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray
- **convoluted** coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain
- **indulge** yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence
- **gesticulation** motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)
- **vixen** female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew
- **tarnish** make or become dull or discolored; N.
- **hypercritical** excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

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- **officious** meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advice; Ex. officious bellboy
- **cow** terrorize; intimidate
- **representational** (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
- **viscid** adhesive; gluey
- **infraction** violation (of a rule or regulation); breach
- **sunder** separate; part; CF. asunder
- **stilted** bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

- **defile** pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains
- **pine** long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline
- **revulsion** sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture
- **refractory** unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse
- **decorum** propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct
- **tirade** long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation
- **paradigm** model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word
- **sibling** brother or sister
- **peripheral** of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest
- **squelch** produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF.
- **dislodge** remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge
- **preeminent** outstanding; superior
- **mesmerize** hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer
- **lax** careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service
- **scoff** laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats
- **infantile** childish; infantlike
- **imperious** domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor
- **pastoral** rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor
- **herald** messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher
- **hapless** unfortunate; luckless
- **wan** having a pale or sickly color; pallid
- **saboteur** one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)
- **curfew** regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew
- **pariah** social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
- **slake** satisfy (thirst); quench; sate
- **unfeigned** genuine; real
- **plebeian** common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician
- **mock** ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision
- **coincidence** the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental
- **impregnate** make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate
- **vacuous** empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity
- **unobtrusive** inconspicuous; not blatant
- **devotee** enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
- **veer** change in direction; swerve
- **resonant** (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
- **bullion** gold and silver in the form of bars
- **somber** dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow
- **amble** walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
- **impecunious** without money
- **spectral** ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom
- **dichotomy** division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
- **hovel** shack; small wretched house
- **artful** exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice
- **deputize** work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away
- **responsiveness** state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment
- **precipice** cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice
- **bauble** trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
- **primate** group of mammals including humans
- **sterile** incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize
- **occult** mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare
- **opus** work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera
- **fringe** decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
- **whet** sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone's appetite
- **knoll** little round hill; hillock
- **graphite** black form of carbon used in lead pencils
- **diadem** crown
- **peripatetic** walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy
- **tenet** doctrine; dogma

- **aloft** upward; high up in the air
- **nautical** pertaining to ships or navigation
- **acknowledge** recognize; admit
- **ulcer** sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate
- **propound** put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory
- **affront** insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally
- **accelerate** move faster
- **beseech** beg; plead with
- **prototype** original work used as a model by others
- **aver** state confidently; declare as true
- **simile** comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as
- **unravel** disentangle; solve
- **deprecate** express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory
- **ramification** branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision
- **bandy** discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
- **disembark** debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark
- **blush** become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.
- **abash** embarrass
- **prevail** be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something
- **raze** destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground
- **diaphanous** sheer; transparent
- **mystic** of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism
- **concoct** prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction
- **guffaw** boisterous laughter; V.
- **affiliation** joining; associating with
- **trigger** set off; start
- **emollient** soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.
- **wilt** loose freshness; droop
- **iota** very small quantity
- **quash** crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court
- **fleece** wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

- **spoilsport** one who spoils the pleasure of others

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- **protrude** stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth
- **ellipsis** omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses
- **clasp** hold firmly within arms
- **demeanor** behavior; bearing
- **vassal** in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent
- **stumble** trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.
- **fastidious** difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky
- **brittle** hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation
- **dogged** determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean
- **bully** one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.
- **fluster** confuse; make nervous and confused; N.
- **desultory** aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
- **reimburse** repay; pay back
- **raucous** (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts
- **baleful** evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
- **noose** loop formed in a rope
- **clamber** climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble
- **accede** agree
- **fertile** producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize
- **staccato** played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause
- **weather** pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces
- **cozen** cheat; hoodwink; swindle
- **redress** remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for
- **dénouement** final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained
- **subjective** influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence
- **decoy** lure or bait; V.
- **exempt** not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.

- **qualify** reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated
- **inroad** hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid
- **apiarist** person who keeps bees
- **deign** condescend; stoop
- **travesty** copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon
- **scrap** small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel
- **inconsequential** insignificant; unimportant
- **reconcile** make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs
  
- **bevy** large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets
- **evoke** call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation
- **legislature** legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws
- **metaphor** implied comparison; CF. simile
- **punitive** punishing; Ex. punitive measures
- **vantage** position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint
- **larceny** theft; Ex. petit larceny
- **impromptu** without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment
- **excoriate** scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off
- **taint** contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch
- **stricture** severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction
- **olfactory** concerning the sense of smell
- **galvanic** of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani
- **frock** long loose garment (worn by monks)
- **implication** something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating
- **neophyte** recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant
- **conclave** private secret meeting
- **distend** expand; swell out
- **pell-mell** in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell
  
- **luminous** shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs
- **pallet** small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet
- **bombastic** pompous; using inflated language
- **reprisal** retaliation
- **accomplice** partner in crime
- **exiguous** small in amount; minute
- **wretch** miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile
- **mundane** worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world
- **internecine** mutually destructive
- **orator** public speaker
- **sanctuary** place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.
- **diva** operatic singer; prima donna
- **ambulatory** able to walk
- **umbrage** resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness
- **timorous** fearful; timid; demonstrating fear
- **rousing** lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up
- **ogle** look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls
- **mottled** blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors
- **token** outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude
- **mote** small speck (esp. of dust)
- **sheathe** place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade
- **attenuate** make thin; weaken
- **earthy** unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal
- **odds** chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with
- **tangential** only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent
- **eulogistic** praising; full of eulogy
- **suavity** urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous
- **mogul** powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian
- **imperial** like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism
- **dumbfound(dumfound)** astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck
- **sham** pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

- **insightful** discerning; perceptive
- **atrophy** wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)
- **nectar** drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees
- **augment** increase; add to
- **frond** fern leaf; palm or banana leaf
- **saturnine** morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.
- **predilection** preference; partiality
- **sybarite** lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy
- **bucolic** rustic; pastoral
- **onerous** burdensome
- **hypnosis** induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize
- **anneal** reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

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- **foray** raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.
- **spasmodic** fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion
- **dwindle** shrink; reduce gradually
- **equable** tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform
- **offhand** casual; done without prior thought or preparation
- **affirmation** positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination
- **reparable** capable of being repaired
- **malaise** uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)
- **fecundity** fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young
- **frieze** ornamental horizontal band on a wall
- **canter** slow gallop; V. CF. trot
- **reserve** self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative
- **whimsical** capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange
- **feeble-minded** deficient in intelligence; very stupid
- **exodus** departure (of a large number of people)
- **collate** examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)
- **whittle** pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim
- **soporific** sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy
- **pterodactyl** extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger
- **mass** Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist
- **coagulate** congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant
- **metaphysical** pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality
- **compulsive** resulting from compulsion
- **incumbent** obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office
- **swipe** hit with a sweeping motion; N.
- **deify** turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity
- **prodigy** highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder
- **hazy** slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind
- **incidental** not essential; minor; N: something incidental
- **decrepit** weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man
- **methodical** systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure
- **malapropos** inappropriate; ADV.
- **capacity** mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president
- **preempt** prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive
- **testator** maker of a will; CF. testatrix
- **libertine** debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free
- **consolidation** unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen
- **veto** vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto
- **dishonor** disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable
- **hull** husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship
- **inception** start; beginning
- **grandeur** impressiveness; stateliness; majesty
- **extirpate** root up; uproot; destroy completely
- **bicker** quarrel
- **euphemism** mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
- **ordeal** severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial (test of patience or endurance); affliction
- **limber** flexible; supple; pliable; V.
- **astronomical** enormously large or extensive

- **presage** foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen
  - **uproar** noisy confusion
  - **nuptial** related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony
  - **chaotic** in utter disorder
  - **shack** crude cabin
  - **caucus** private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston
  - **inveterate** deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old
  - **besiege** surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
  - **relish** enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest
  - **dull** (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
  - **monumental** massive; impressively large; built as a monument
  - **attire** clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel
  - **theocracy** government run by religious leaders
  - **cerebral** pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum
  - **affluence** abundance; wealth
  - **carnage** destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
  - **whelp** young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.
  - **smother** kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers
  - **granulate** form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle
  - **tessellated** mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern
  - **mutability** ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant
  - **Epicurean** believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.
  - **abyss** enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
  - **retrograde** go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
  - **psychic** of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers
  - **encircle** surround
  - **tantrum** fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.
  - **abhor** detest; hate
  - **lassitude** languor; weariness; listlessness
  - **wean** accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes
  - **propellant(propellent)** substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)
  - **sententious** pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic
  - **elysian** relating to paradise; blissful
  - **adversity** great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
  - **hermetic** concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult
  - **artisan** a manually skilled worker
  - **annex** attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one
  - **refulgent** effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon
  - **enrapture** please intensely; fill with rapture and delight
  - **primp** groom oneself with care; adorn oneself
  - **resort** turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.
  - **beget** father; become the father of; produce; give rise to
  - **rostrum** raised platform for speech-making; pulpit
  - **agility** nimbleness; ability to move quickly
  - **conjugal** pertaining to marriage
  - **woeful** sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions
  - **oatmeal** crushed oats used for making porridge
  - **periphery** outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town
  - **chivalrous** courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry
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- **harry** harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid
  - **prologue** introduction (to a poem or play)
  - **piebald** of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald
  - **polemical(polemic)** aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)
  - **maroon** leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown
  - **talon** claw of bird
  - **pander** cater to (the low desires of others)
  - **archives** public records; place where public records are kept
  - **impious** irreverent
  - **discompose** disturb the composure of; confuse
  - **residue** remainder; balance
  - **febrile** feverish
  - **ebb** (of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

- **frenetic(phrenetic)** frenzied; frantic
- **bacchanalian** drunken
- **tantalize** tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure
- **diminution** lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish
- **solicitous** anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude
- **contiguous** adjacent to; touching upon
- **refrain** abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus
- **dissolution** disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life
- **elusive** evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.
- **aegis** shield; protection; defense
- **feline** of a member of the cat family; N.
- **downcast** disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward
- **diatribe** bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse
- **license** official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.
- **didactic** (of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism
- **infiltrate** pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator
- **assumption** something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume
- **encomiastic** praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy
- **behemoth** huge creature; something of monstrous size or power
- **penology** study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation
- **meticulous** excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous
- **embrace** hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet
- **luminary** celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)
- **parry** ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF.
- **desiccate** dry up
- **dominant** exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive
- **poseur** person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose
- **oblique** indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference
- **reverie** daydream; abstracted musing
- **corporeal** bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible
- **thresh** beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw
- **indemnify** make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured
- **scavenge** hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion
- **pulse** rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate
- **egress** exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress
- **gradation** series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression
- **incredulity** tendency to disbelief
- **manifold** many in number or kind; numerous; varied
- **renegade** deserter; traitor; ADJ.
- **haughtiness** pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty
- **graduate** arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler
- **amok(amuck)** in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
- **verve** enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor
- **maelstrom** violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream
- **centrifuge** machine that separates substances by whirling them
- **homogeneous** of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout
- **edict** decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command
- **margin** border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety
- **vernal** pertaining to spring
- **skulk** move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.
- **drip** fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops
- **rebuttal** refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove
- **predetermine** determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

- **paraphrase** restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words
- **stoic** stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism
- **clap** strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause
- **wanderlust** strong longing to travel
- **pliable** flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable
- **pedagogue** teacher; CF. child leader
- **protagonist** leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story
- **unmitigated** (of something bad) not moderated; unrelied or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster
- **obelisk** tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid
- **blowhard** talkative boaster; braggart
- **interpolate** insert between
- **anarchy** absence of governing body; state of disorder
- **felon** person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime
- **braggadocio** boasting
- **curator** superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)
- **nimble** quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind
- **perdition** damnation; complete ruin; hell
- **cajole** persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle
- **run-down** (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted
- **swindler** cheater
- **nip** snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill
- **parvenu** upstart; newly rich person
- **impolitic** not wise; not expedient; not politic
- **remunerative** (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
- **epic** long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand
- **disparity** difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity
- **dispel** scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
- **brand** trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

- **increment** increase
- **accost** approach and speak first to a person
- **scad** a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

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- **abstinence** restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
- **slough** (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed
- **execute** put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
- **parochial** narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
- **affidavit** written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
- **chaplain** clergyman attached to a chapel
- **entourage** group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround
- **induct** place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts
- **remote** distant in manner; aloof
- **doldrums** blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums
- **dulcet** sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious
- **dyslexia** word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read
- **malleable** (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beatng); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable
- **eventual** happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory
- **imponderable** weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound
- **pervert** corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural
- **climactic** relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic
- **superficial** of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
- **argot** slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
- **genus** division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species
- **withdrawn** introverted; retiring; remote
- **pore** study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.
- **empathy** ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another's feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy

- **demise** death
- **hyperbole** exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola
- **yoke** join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals
- **lament** grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation
- **totem** animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole
- **autopsy** examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
- **venturesome** (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky
- **indefatigable** tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired
- **insensible** unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible
- **squabble** minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children
- **volatile** changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street
- **ewe** female sheep
- **covetous** avaricious; desirous of (someone else's possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)
- **meek** submissive; patient and long-suffering
- **impetuous** violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision
- **sundry** miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
- **scurry** move hastily; hurry; move briskly
- **ineffectual** not effective; not having a desired effect; weak
- **potent** powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential
- **barrage** barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
- **anchor** secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
- **graphic** pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described
- **cunning** clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit
- **subjugate** conquer; bring under control
- **turgid** swollen; distended (as from liquid)
- **scabbard** case for a sword blade; sheath
- **reactionary** strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical
- **illimitable** infinite; limitless
- **undulating** moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
- **pass off** present falsely; represent falsely to be
- **interloper** intruder; one who interferes
- **concord** harmony; accord
- **wade** walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
- **delusion** false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that
- **sublime** causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter
- **convoke** call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation
- **effective** effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph
- **hortatory** encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort
- **squalor** condition of being squalid; filth; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story
- **bivouac** temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.
- **anguish** acute pain; extreme suffering
- **severity** harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense
- **omnivorous** eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
- **smear** spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing
- **edifice** building (of imposing size)
- **hydrophobia** fear of water; rabies
- **grouch** bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble
- **tedium** boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious
- **carcinogenic** causing cancer; N. carcinogen
- **adage** wise saying; proverb
- **obsidian** black volcanic rock
- **pulpit** raised platform used in preaching (in a church)
- **luxuriate** take pleasure in great comfort
- **skim** read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
- **belligerent** quarrelsome
- **vice** vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device
- **dissipate** squander; waste foolishly; scatter
- **cascade** small waterfall
- **tart** sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply
- **miscreant** wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe
- **doggerel** poor verse

- **atheistic** denying the existence of God; N. atheism
- **uninhibited** having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings
- **frolicsome** prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky
- **inexorable** relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises
- **surge** powerful movement of or like a wave; V.
- **surrogate** substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.
- **hue and cry** outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule
- **pachyderm** thick-skinned animal
- **emetic** substance causing vomiting; ADJ.
- **ironic** expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner
- **discrete** separate; unconnected
- **problematic** causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.
- **purgatory** place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

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- **insalubrious** unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place
- **meddlesome** interfering; V. meddle: interfere
- **cadet** student at a military school
- **spruce** neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.
- **jumble** mix in a confused way
- **grimace** facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.
- **humble** of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others
- **lurid** wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder
- **application** diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself
- **psychosis** mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic
- **hoary** white with age
- **vacillate** waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation
- **sturdy** strong and firm (in the body)
- **emblazon** ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment
- **optometrist** one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects
- **impetus** moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse
- **optional** not compulsory; left to one's choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options
- **nadir** lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith
- **low** moo; make the sound of a cow
- **pastiche** imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists
- **selective** careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer
- **eddy** swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.
- **languid** lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless
- **vestige** trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion
- **partisan** one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla
- **implicit** understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust
- **thesis** opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments
- **symbiosis** interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life
- **sneak** move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky
- **minutiae** petty or trivial details; CF. minutia
- **passé** old-fashioned; past the prime
- **dissent** disagree
- **centigrade** denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)
- **whit** small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of
- **arroyo** gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater
- **splice** join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.
- **makeshift** temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter
- **monochromatic** having only one color
- **irate** angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath
- **imposture** assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor
- **flux** flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux
- **bulwark** strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends
- **harping** tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously

- **profane** violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things
- **mincing** affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer
- **partial** incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
- **sedentary** requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population
- **tan** convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun
- **equipoise** balance; balancing force; equilibrium
- **recuperate** recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses
- **fiat** command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done
- **crave** desire; want intensely
- **putrid** decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity
- **puissant** powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power
- **vendor** seller
- **infirmity** weakness
- **shoot** new growth from a plant
- **arcade** a covered passageway usually lined with shops
- **propriety** fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary
- **medium** element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted
- **deploy** spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically
- **rectify** set right; correct; CF. rect-: right
- **jabber** chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
- **petrify** turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze
- **condone** overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
- **strut** pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner
- **collaborate** work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy
- **rationalize** make rational; devise false reasons for (one's behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization
- **sensitization** process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive
- **underlying** lying below; fundamental
- **bureaucracy** overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic
- **martinet** strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet
- **remediable** repairable
- **urchin** mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin
- **squash** crush; quash; suppress
- **impassioned** (of speech) filled with passion; fervent
- **perpetuate** make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity
- **anthropomorphic** having human form or characteristics
- **nondescript** undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd
- **prognosticate** predict (according to present indications)
- **agog** highly excited; intensely curious
- **apparent** evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement
- **bogus** counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview
- **miserly** stingy; mean
- **vanguard** forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard
- **mitigate** appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity
- **objective** not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim
- **acoustics** science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
- **savant** scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know
- **fraught** filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight
- **nonsense** speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail
- **penance** self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one's sins; CF. penitent
- **cede** yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession
- **unanimity** complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous
- **reprimand** reprove severely; rebuke; N.
- **expertise** specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill
- **amicable** peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

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- **glitter** shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves
- **dilatory** delaying; tending to delay
- **inept** unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate
- **gorge** stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful
- **vent** small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.
- **skimp** provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly
- **yeoman** man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer
- **construe** explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue
- **implement** put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument
- **audit** examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.
- **seedy** run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel
- **juggernaut** irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path
- **vertebrate** having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column
- **epitaph** inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)
- **mire** entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire
- **revoke** cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable
- **peruse** read through with care; N. perusal
- **indignation** anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant
- **niggle** spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling
- **slag** glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter
- **asunder** into parts; apart; V. sunder
- **sleazy** shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric
- **hallucination** delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory
- **impervious** impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex. impervious to water/criticism
- **jaunt** trip; short journey
- **solemnity** seriousness; gravity
- **thermal** pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air
- **scotch** stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF.
- **cameo** shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film
- **unwieldy** awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable
- **stygian** unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead
- **touchy** oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation
- **skinflint** miser; stingy person
- **insurgent** rebellious; N.
- **replica** copy
- **suckle** give or take milk at the breast or udder
- **frolic** play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs
- **expatriate** exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country
- **maladroit** clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling
- **lumen** unit of light energy (one candle's worth)
- **sever** separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position
- **diurnal** daily; occurring during the daytime
- **predator** predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation
- **motility** ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously
- **litotes** understatement for emphasis; Ex. "not bad(=pretty good)"
- **renown** fame; ADJ. renowned
- **blues** state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)
- **concomitant** that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else
- **conceit** vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one's own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)
- **decelerate** slow down
- **indigent** poor; destitute
- **shrewd** clever; astute
- **incredulous** withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

- **tremor** trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)
  - **concur** agree; coincide; happen at the same time
  - **smelt** melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition
  - **hap** chance; luck
  - **deducible** derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning
  - **demolition** destruction; V. demolish
  - **aphorism** pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
  - **motto** brief statement used to express a principle
  - **confluence** flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together
  - **bludgeon** club; heavy-headed weapon; V.
  - **vile** despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander
  - **glare** shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.
  - **convert** one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief
  - **chisel** swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting
  - **avocation** secondary or minor occupation
  - **finery** beautiful clothes for a special occasion
  - **lush** (of a plant or grass) growing very well
  - **marrow** soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells
  - **vulgar** of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism: vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout
  - **emolument** salary; payment for an office; compensation
  - **abysmal** bottomless
  - **cavalcade** procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
  - **idiosyncrasy** individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic
  - **constitution** constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions
  - **enterprising** full of initiative; showing enterprise
  - **invulnerable** incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure
  - **prime** period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare
  - **corollary** natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)
  - **brocade** rich, figured(patterned) fabric
  - **laceration** torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
  - **pretentious** ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art
  - **pharisee** Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person
  - **chore** daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task
  - **ethnic** relating to races
  - **cognate** having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.
  - **stagnant** (of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output
  - **hide** skin of an animal
  - **consternation** great shock; dismay
  - **torrid** (of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs
  - **delirium** mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious
  - **wastrel** waster; profligate
  - **overthrow** topple; N.
  - **smattering** slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German
  - **throng** crowd (of people or things); V.
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- **document** provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
  - **mongrel** plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.
  - **dazzle** make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder
  - **vouch** give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher
  - **lopsided** heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking
  - **indigenous** native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World
  - **rivet** metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross
  - **overture** musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace
  - **solecism** nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

- **jaunty** cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat
- **practical** based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man
- **factotum** handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything
- **parable** short simple story teaching a moral
- **voluble** fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility
- **castrate** remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)
  
- **malevolent** wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence
- **camaraderie** good-fellowship; CF. comrade
- **implore** beg
- **nettle** irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome
- **blackball** vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote
- **ecosystem** ecological community together with its environment
- **discredit** defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful
- **bilious** suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated
- **rococo** ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century
- **disapprobation** disapproval; condemnation
- **shear** remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors
- **verbiage** pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness
- **invincible** unconquerable
- **truncate** cut the top off; shorten
- **allay** calm; pacify
- **disdain** treat with scorn or contempt
- **surmount** overcome
- **shoddy** made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick
- **phlegmatic** calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract
  
- **topography** physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place
- **nurse** suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone
- **fractious** unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse
- **negligence** neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care
  
- **trappings** outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)
- **amoral** nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong
- **ascendancy** controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant
- **swelter** (of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat
- **exploit** make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation
- **slap** hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack
  
- **magnitude** greatness (in size or extent); extent
- **slander** defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous
- **insomnia** wakefulness; inability to sleep
- **florescence** condition or period of flowering
- **plenary** (of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power
- **portend** foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning
- **vaunted** boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag
- **pernicious** very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia
- **philanthropist** lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy
- **amplify** increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph
- **perforate** pierce; put a hole through
- **latent** present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential
- **blemish** mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished
- **gibe** mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks
- **inebriate** make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person
- **tertiary** third in order or rank
- **wry** (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)
- **dowdy** untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman
- **aphasia** loss of speech due to injury or illness
- **coax** persuade by flattery
- **jeopardize** endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger
- **congeal** freeze; coagulate
- **recite** repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

- **covenant** binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise
  - **primordial** existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary
  - **dynamo** generator for producing electricity; energetic person
  - **migratory** wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another
  - **promote** advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product
  - **clavicle** collarbone
  - **legato** (of music) played smoothly
  - **modicum** limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate
  - **tacit** understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement
  - **nicety** precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties
  - **mishap** unfortunate accident
  - **impiety** irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety
  - **amass** collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
  - **obfuscate** confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand
  - **sentient** capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience
  - **grisly** ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies
  - **vibrant** full of vigor or energy; vibrating
  - **atrocious** brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious
  - **sanctimonious** displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety
  - **underscore** underline; emphasize
  - **groove** long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record
  - **incur** bring upon oneself
  - **addle** make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)
  - **haggle** argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)
  - **pious** devout; religious; N. piety
  - **lewd** lustful
  - **imbroglio** complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil
  - **stentorian** (of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad
  - **overwhelm** (of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief
  - **hypochondriac** person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen
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- **confide** tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about
  - **steep** soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous
  - **fugitive** fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving(wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large
  - **importune** beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)
  - **august** impressive; majestic
  - **oligarchy** government by a privileged few
  - **ruffian** violent scoundrel; bully
  - **obligatory** binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate
  - **disquietude** uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious
  - **adversary** opponent; enemy
  - **grueling** exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race
  - **dissection** analysis; cutting apart in order to examine
  - **vivisection** act of dissecting living animals
  - **equestrian** rider on horseback; ADJ.
  - **wax** increase gradually (as the moon); grow
  - **adventitious** accidental; casual; happening by chance
  - **sarcasm** cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic
  - **martyr** one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism
  - **repast** meal; feast; banquet
  - **ferret** drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes
  - **rue** regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful
  - **abide** dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.
  - **precarious** unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living
  - **stun** make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound
  - **expedient** suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient
  - **gyroscope** apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

- **irremediable** incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy
- **shaving** very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)
- **unbridled** violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed
- **cogitate** think over; ponder
- **proselytize** (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion
- **amalgam** combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
- **expansive** (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
- **gait** manner of walking or running; speed
- **connoisseur** person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art
- **alloy** mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
- **wizardry** sorcery; magic
- **abrasive** rubbing away; tending to grind down
- **swill** drink greedily
- **liability** drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)
- **precipitant** something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; ; OP. solvent
- **chastise** punish as by beating; criticize severely
- **effulgent** shining brightly; brilliant
- **lode** metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)
- **impair** injure; hurt; damage
- **Elysium** place or condition of bliss
- **adamant** hard; inflexible
- **vicar** parish priest; representative
- **ken** range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken
- **upshot** outcome; final result
- **corpuscle** red or white cell in the blood
- **plasticity** ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay
- **espouse** adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal
- **insubstantial** lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial
- **allocate** assign; set apart for a particular purpose
- **sylvan** pertaining to the woods or the country
- **sluice** artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)
- **wince** move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.
- **parish** area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
- **itinerary** plan of a trip; record of a trip
- **modulate** tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G
- **regiment** military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society
- **mayhem** injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim
- **wrangle** quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.
- **declivity** downward slope
- **proclivity** inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)
- **proscribe** prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw
- **recumbent** reclining; lying down completely or in part
- **draconian** extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician
- **dispassionate** calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings
- **withstand** stand up against; resist successfully
- **garner** gather; store up; amass
- **mediate** settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire
- **gibberish** nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling
- **resurge** rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again
- **refuse** anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash
- **dogmatic** opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
- **dispense** distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule
- **germinal** pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea
- **connotation** suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote
- **equivocate** use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation
- **débâcle** sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster
- **beneficiary** person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
- **grudging** unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluctantly)

- **bromide** platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement
- **jug** pitcher; container for holding liquids
- **apocalyptic** prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse
- **scourge** lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict
- **fulsome** disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire
- **guy** cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide
- **jollity** gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay
- **subsistence** existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)
- **shunt** move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.
- **grapple** wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar
- **simplistic** oversimplified
- **tenacity** firmness; persistence
- **extrovert** person interested mostly in external objects and actions

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- **pert** (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat
- **steadfast** steadily loyal; unswerving; steady
- **wispy** thin; slight; barely discernible
- **cartographer** map-maker
- **perpetrate** commit an offense; do (something wrong)
- **divulge** reveal
- **disingenuous** not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous
- **recess** pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive
- **cosmic** pertaining to the universe; vast
- **gratify** please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire
- **slack** moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.
- **truculence** aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce
- **healthy** possessing good health; healthful
- **mash** crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl
- **humanitarian** one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism
- **idyllic** charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene
- **chase** ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch
- **recline** lie down
- **militate** work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier
- **astute** wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage
- **cantankerous** ill-humored; irritable
- **berate** scold strongly
- **artery** blood-vessel; CF. vein
- **mantle** loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core
- **unassailable** not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question
- **gnome** dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards
- **limpid** crystal clear
- **embed(imbed)** enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass
- **lachrymose** producing tears; tearful
- **creep** move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.
- **confidant(confidante)** trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)
- **fissure** crevice; crack
- **draw** choosing of a lot or card
- **sanction** approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance
- **amend** correct; change ; generally for the better
- **irony** hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning
- **galvanize** stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity
- **efface** rub out; remove the surface of
- **meander** wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly
- **virtual** in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space
- **shimmer** shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.
- **visionary** produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas
- **prosper** become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care
- **plait** braid; intertwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail

- **mercurial** capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood
- **historic** important in history; Ex. historic battle
- **imminent** impending; near at hand
- **wiggle** wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions
- **curtail** shorten; reduce
- **narcissist** conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus
- **pejorative** (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers “housewife” a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.
- **ration** fixed portion; V: distribute as rations
- **levity** lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner
- **quagmire** bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself
- **aplomb** poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence
- **adhere** stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
- **doff** take off; OP. don
- **corrugated** wrinkled; ridged
- **esteem** respect; value; judge; N.
- **ambiguous** unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
- **wrest** obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp
- **spate** sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents
- **inanimate** lifeless; not animate
- **armada** fleet of warships
- **polarize** split into opposite extremes or camps
- **rolling** (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments
- **practicable** feasible
- **amiable** agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
- **roster** list (of names)
- **delta** flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river
- **bereavement** state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft
- **loll** lounge about
- **posthumous** after death (as of child born after father’s death or book published after author’s death); coming or occurring after one’s death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel
- **rapt** engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener
- **gentry** people of standing(rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility
- **idiom** expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic
- **recant** disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one’s faith/a statement
- **asylum** place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)
- **virus** disease communicator
- **aberrant** abnormal or deviant
- **hubris** arrogance; excessive self-conceit
- **leniency** mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment
- **imply** suggest a meaning not expressed; signify
- **syllogism** logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument
- **propensity** natural inclination
- **opaque** dark; not transparent; N. opacity
- **fetish(fetich)** object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism
- **hummock** small hill; hillock
- **venial** (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial
- **effrontery** rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek
- **subtlety** perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning
- **strew** spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals
- **canine** related to dogs; doglike
- **boisterous** violent; rough; noisy
- **vituperative** abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively
- **compress** force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.
- **paste** smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

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- **spendthrift** someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth
- **mannered** affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech
- **marginal** of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

- **ultimatum** last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.
- **lascivious** lustful
- **suspend** cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension
- **turncoat** traitor
- **pique** irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity
- **discrepancy** lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions
- **comprehensive** broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive
- **dilemma** situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
- **initiate** begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated
- **osseous** made of bone; bony
- **distract** absentminded; distracted
- **calligraphy** beautiful writing; excellent penmanship
- **halting** hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop
- **overt** open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert
- **upright** (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral
- **pathos** tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
- **probity** uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility
- **stratified** divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify
- **embroil** throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
- **exalt** raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation
- **scruple** hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience
- **willful** wilful; intentional; headstrong
- **sepulcher** tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral
- **carping** petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
- **boor** rude, insensitive person
- **lucre** money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
- **eerie** weird; causing fear because strange
- **archaeology** study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
- **gamut** entire range
- **plumber** one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)
- **address** direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech
- **stamp** step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.
- **inhibit** restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition
- **celerity** speed; rapidity
- **detraction** slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor
- **gruesome** grisly; horrible
- **beneficent** kindly; doing good
- **knotty** intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot
- **prescience** ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient
- **vicissitude** change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China
- **debauch** corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)
- **renege** break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt
- **trivia** trifles; unimportant matters
- **inert** inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state
- **arduous** hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
- **browse** graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually
- **pertinacious** holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent
- **patrimony** property inherited from a father
- **flail** beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle
- **environ** enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)
- **annihilate** destroy
- **provision** act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement
- **balmy** soft and mild (of air); fragrant

- **remorse** deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach
  - **fiend** evil spirit; devil
  - **incoherent** unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one's thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent
  - **tyro** beginner; novice
  - **roil** make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb
  - **idyll(idyl)** short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers
  - **repository** storehouse
  - **churlish** boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo
  - **discriminate** distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference
  - **repeal** revoke; annul
  - **sallow** (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice
  - **havoc** widespread damage; disorder; chaos
  - **chary** cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP. bold
  - **turbulence** state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed
  - **lithe** flexible; supple; CF. limber
  - **pushy** disagreeably aggressive
  - **luxuriant** abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate
  - **trample** step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet
  - **contrive** invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention
  - **instigate** start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel
  - **braggart** boaster; bragger
  - **confine** shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement
  - **motif** theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure
  - **willowy** flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow
  - **apologist** one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
  - **cloying** distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess
  - **seep** pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage
  - **vicarious** experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ
  - **finicky** too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
  - **antithesis** contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
  - **culpable** deserving blame; blameworthy
  - **quiver** tremble; shake; N.
  - **brawn** human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness
  - **chasten** discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate
  - **infer** deduce; conclude; N. inference
  - **disburse** pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
  - **untenable** (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained
  - **demotic** of or pertaining to the people
  - **spat** squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel
  - **persist** continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent
  - **cacophonous** discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds
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- **filial** pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect
  - **arrhythmic** lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia
  - **plaster** paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.
  - **nebula** diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy
  - **doddering** shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder
  - **depict** portray
  - **juxtapose** place side by side; CF. next
  - **filth** dirty matter; ADJ. filthy
  - **devise** think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest
  - **brackish** somewhat saline
  - **pontifical** pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop
  - **reverent** respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
  - **shuffle** mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.
  - **dirge** funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)
  - **Machiavellian** crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power
  - **belittle** disparage; depreciate

- **patina** green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting
- **mischance** ill luck
- **effigy** dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President
- **nutrient** nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment
- **bacchanal** noisy party with a lot of drinking
- **virtuoso** highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso
- **eccentricity** oddity; idiosyncrasy
- **benign** kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor
- **wheedle** deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her
- **intrinsic** essential; inherent; built-in
- **placate** pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease
- **menagerie** collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo
- **pulsate** throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly
- **sere** sear; parched; dry
- **throb** (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart
- **halfhearted** exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm
- **patriarch** father and ruler of a family or tribe
- **usage** act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used
- **subaltern** subordinate
- **hut** crude dwelling; shack
- **infest** inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters
- **inevitable** unavoidable
- **parity** equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate
- **incontrovertible** indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable
- **tether** tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether
- **ebullient** showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling
- **insidious** treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot
- **nausea** feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness
- **alienate** make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of
- **esoteric** hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica
- **contortions** twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist
- **corpulent** very fat; N. corpulence
- **clamor** loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous
- **amity** friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations
- **sensuous** giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin
- **continence** self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent
- **anoint** consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)
- **dermatologist** one who studies the skin and its diseases
- **rational** (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical
- **fete(fête)** honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast
- **vortex** whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged
- **mason** one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork
- **cadaver** corpse; dead human body
- **exotic** not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress
- **exhale** breathe out; OP. inhale
- **reverberate** echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
- **rationale** fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action
- **humus** substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil
- **defer** give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous
- **carnivorous** meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
- **venerate** revere; treat with great respect
- **carefree** free from worries; having no problems
- **subsidiary** serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.
- **disaffected** disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty
- **errant** wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant
- **rake** angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular
- **assay** analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)

- **prompt** cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue
- **enclave** territory enclosed within an alien land
- **bedraggle** wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged
- **holocaust** destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust
- **mawkish** mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental
- **liaison** contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection
- **matriculate** enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix
- **tutelage** guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction
- **adjutant** staff officer assisting the commander; assistant
- **callow** youthful; immature; inexperienced
- **libido** psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire
- **persevere** continue steadily in spite of difficulties
- **galaxy** large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities
- **wholesome** conducive to mental or physical health; healthful
- **heckler** person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)
- **substantive** substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues
- **frenzied** madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement
- **septic** of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)
- **mime** pantomime(act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime
- **misogamy** hatred of marriage
- **blunder** error; stupid mistake
- **dais** raised platform for speakers or other important people
- **privy** secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private
- **docket** program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V: describe in a docket
- **patronize** support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott
- **colloquial** pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression
- **fester** rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.
- **skirmish** minor fight; minor battle in war; V.
- **avow** declare openly; N. avowal
- **emboss** produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design
- **latch** fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch
- **interim** meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper
- **fanfare** call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display
- **craven** cowardly
- **runic** mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm
- **arid** (of land) dry; barren; unproductive
- **pose** assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.
- **listless** lacking in spirit or energy; languid
- **tautological** needlessly repetitious; Ex. "It was visible to the eye"; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true
- **plumb** exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of
- **prune** cut away; trim
- **amphitheater** oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena
- **fulcrum** support on which a lever rests or pivots
- **befuddle** confuse thoroughly
- **heterodox** (of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional
- **germ** earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe
- **flamboyant** ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame
- **magnanimity** generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous
- **atypical** not normal; not typical
- **enterprise** willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat
- **incidence** rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

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- **stifle** suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

- **accord** agreement
- **crestfallen** dejected; dispirited
- **imbue** saturate(soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings
- **fleet** fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral
- **pertinent** suitable; to the point; relevant
- **surpass** exceed
- **demographic** related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population
- **ragamuffin** dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes
- **afterlife** life after death; later part of one's life
- **parameter** limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget
- **confidential** spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary
- **quarantine** isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine
- **passive** not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance
- **mammoth** gigantic; enormous
- **somnolent** half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence
- **sage** person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise
- **sidetrack** switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track
- **limbo** region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo
- **gregarious** sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group
- **slick** make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib
- **prerogative** privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before
- **paragon** model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue
- **gadfly** animal-biting fly; irritating person
- **illusion** misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion
- **artifacts** object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced
- **mirth** merriment; laughter
- **nomadic** wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place
- **summation** act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)
- **knit** contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interweaving yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.
- **gruel** thin liquid porridge
- **alias** an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
- **forge** counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated
- **crux** essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance
- **pied** piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored
- **hysteria** excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteric: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria
- **condescend** (derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior
- **surveillance** close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding
- **balk** stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate
- **complement** complete; consummate; make perfect; N.
- **indenture** bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)
- **swagger** walk or behave with an over-confident manner
- **ornate** excessively or elaborately decorated
- **exertion** effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort
- **ethnology** study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology
- **circumspect** prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought
- **debut** début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society
- **taxonomist** specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification
- **insipid** lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character
- **contentious** quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments
- **pensive** dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over
- **débris** rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed
- **presume** take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone's kindness or connection); N. presumption
- **pivotal** of a pivot; central; critical; crucial
- **decant** pour off gently (wine or liquid)
- **marked** noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man

- **renounce** abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation
- **boon** blessing; benefit; something very helpful
- **embargo** ban on commerce or other activity
- **purported** alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists
- **protégé** person receiving protection and support from a patron
- **jibe** agree; be in harmony with; gibe
- **fatalism** belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death
- **peroration** conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length
- **explicate** explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable
- **opulence** extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant
- **commiserate** feel or express pity or sympathy for
- **denotation** meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation
- **scowl** frown angrily; N: angry frown
- **seclusion** isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate
- **junket** trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense
- **inverse** opposite
- **thrive** prosper; flourish
- **floe** flat mass of floating ice
- **enunciate** announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.
- **therapeutic** curative; N. therapy
- **nocturnal** done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne
- **luscious** pleasing to taste or smell; delicious
- **hew** cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.
- **repulse** reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion
- **deranged** insane
- **anachronism** an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic
- **debar** bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services
- **trickster** person who cheats people
- **maleficent** doing evil; N. maleficence
- **tenant** one that pays rent to use property owned by another

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- **sprout** begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot
- **insurmountable** overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable
- **waif** homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays
- **irresolute** uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution
- **furtive** stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance
- **yield** amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender
- **precinct** division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college
- **flora** plants of a region or era
- **garnish** decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.
- **congenital** existing at birth
- **uniformity** sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over
- **dereliction** neglect of duty; abandonment
- **whinny** neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make
- **integrity** honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness
- **doctrinaire** unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties
- **hermitage** home of a hermit
- **gush** (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.
- **leeway** room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline
- **subpoena** writ(written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena
- **compilation** listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling
- **indubitable** unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable
- **stoke** stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully
- **predispose** give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition
- **ludicrous** laughable; ridiculous; trifling
- **impassable** not able to be traveled or crossed
- **combustible** easily burned; N. CF. combustion

- **court** attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster
- **tyranny** oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress
- **quiver** case for arrows
- **consanguinity** kinship; relationship by birth
- **potable** suitable for drinking; drinkable
- **crone** hag; ugly old woman
- **gargantuan** huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel
- **seasoned** experienced
- **scuttle** sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull
- **peregrination** journey; V. peregrinate
- **caption** title; chapter heading; text under illustration
- **outstrip** outrun; surpass; outdo
- **stalwart** physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower
- **engaging** charming; attractive
- **iconoclastic** attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images
- **parched** extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)
- **discernible** distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement
- **decorous** proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)
- **quail** cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart
- **brazen** insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence
- **comprehend** include; understand
- **opalescent** iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence
- **dilute** make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president
- **spawn** lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals
- **mentor** counselor; teacher
- **leash** restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash
- **drab** dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life
- **matrix** point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization
- **fervid** ardent; zealous; hot
- **pestilential(pestilent)** causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)
- **feign** pretend
- **podium** pedestal; raised platform
- **horoscope** diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers
- **scion** detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant
- **vision** eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural
- **restive** impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'
- **bolt** door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down
- **screech** unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.
- **conveyance** vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance
- **ecclesiastic** ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman
- **tepid** lukewarm; slightly warm; ; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter
- **enthral** capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound
- **fathomless** too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable
- **vivacious** lively or animated; sprightly
- **disperse** scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd
- **penchant** strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars
- **brindled** tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)
- **compensatory** making up for; repaying
- **emissary** agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger
- **ensue** follow (as a result)
- **outwit** outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly
- **brisk** quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor
- **gild** cover with a thin layer of gold
- **assiduous** diligent
- **regatta** boat or yacht race

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- **remonstrate** protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
- **rent** tear made by rending; rip; split

- **dissension** disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group
- **velocity** speed
- **scaffold** temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution
- **beleaguer** besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset
- **browbeat** bully; intimidate
- **marshal** put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official
- **vulpine** like a fox; crafty
- **shirk** avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); mangle
- **fermentation** chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation
- **deride** ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect
- **plume** feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke:
- **penumbra** partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow
- **provender** dry food for livestock; fodder
- **emulate** imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)
- **tawdry** cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry
- **simper** smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly
- **omnipotent** all-powerful; having unlimited power
- **repose** resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man
- **surly** bad-tempered; rude; cross
- **perigee** point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee
- **elated** filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation
- **sect** separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group
- **stolid** dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected
- **desolate** (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless
- **morgue** mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation
- **burnish** make shiny by rubbing; polish
- **wisp** small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)
- **belated** delayed
- **perpetual** everlasting
- **calumny** malicious misrepresentation; slander
- **obtrude** push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive
- **compact** agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement
- **meretricious** flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute
- **polygamist** one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry
- **painstaking** taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough
- **sinewy** (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone
- **stump** base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle
- **bitter** having a sharp biting taste; ; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears
- **promontory** headland
- **cull** pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.
- **induce** persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement
- **petty** trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded
- **edify** instruct; correct morally
- **teetotalism** practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler;; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total
- **extrude** force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die
- **potpourri** heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)
- **militant** combative; bellicose; N.
- **sporadic** occurring irregularly; intermittent
- **chronic** long established as a disease
- **crescendo** increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent
- **adjourn** suspend until a later time; move from one place to another
- **gingerly** very carefully; ADJ.
- **meter** arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)
- **pedestrian** ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.
- **irretrievable** impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve
- **disputatious** argumentative; fond of argument
- **woe** great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

- **incubus** burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus
  - **facetious** joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous
  - **cryptic** mysterious; hidden; secret
  - **totter** shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall
  - **drama** prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation
  - **obsequious** slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic
  - **mortify** humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die
  - **anthology** book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus
  - **intrigue** make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair
  - **nourish** provide with food necessary for life and growth
  - **whine** complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)
  - **cloister** monastery or convent
  - **invidious** designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison
  - **turpitude** depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude
  - **smolder** smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger
  - **emasculate** weaken; castrate
  - **revelry** boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration
  - **kismet** fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.
  - **impeach** charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility
  - **conjure** cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.
  - **uncouth** boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish
  - **forswear** renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure
  - **canker** any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer
  - **sluggard** lazy person
  - **inarticulate** speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly
  - **clown** act stupidly; play the fool; N.
  - **dross** waste matter; worthless impurities
  - **intangible** not able to be perceived by touch; vague
  - **fraudulent** cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle
  - **scintilla** trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark
  - **contingent** dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency
  - **linguistic** pertaining to language
  - **exchequer** treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer
  - **chip** lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp
  - **variegate** change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)
  - **nepotism** favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew
  - **finale** conclusion; concluding part
  - **countenance** approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance
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- **ascetic** practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
  - **tenancy** possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy
  - **vain** full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity
  - **evenhanded** impartial; fair
  - **cynosure** object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor
  - **rummage** ransack; thoroughly search
  - **jocund** merry
  - **uproarious** marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny
  - **metropolis** large city
  - **repertoire** list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory
  - **pluck** courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave
  - **ensconce** settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)
  - **auroral** pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis
  - **vitriolic** causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass
  - **draft** first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

- **peremptory** demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock
- **bate** let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate
- **disfigure** mar the appearance of; spoil
- **mode** prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life
- **resolve** determination; resolution; firmness of purpose
- **faze** disconcert; dismay; embarrass
- **tryst** meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet
- **munificent** very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence
- **viper** poisonous snake
- **compile** assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary
- **aptitude** fitness; talent
- **paean** song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory
- **spectrum** colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts
- **automaton** mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
- **vent** release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.
- **gambit** opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage
- **mute** silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of
- **mortar** vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle
- **formidable** menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question
- **censor** (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
- **recipient** receiver
- **gloat** express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.
- **delineate** portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation
- **advocate** speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
- **fancier** breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal
- **rejoinder** reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply
- **equivocal** (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal
- **context** writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs
- **ominous** threatening; of an evil omen
- **purchase** secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing
- **slur** pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble
- **impartial** not biased; fair; N. impartiality
- **peccadillo** slight offense or fault; CF. sin
- **abridge** condense or shorten
- **incubate** hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease
- **debonair** (of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition
- **lope** gallop slowly
- **quarry** dig into (to get stone); N: mine;
- **genueflect** bend the knee as in worship
- **ploy** strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy
- **facsimile** copy
- **reputed** supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem
- **gory** bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)
- **accoutre** equip; N. accoutrement
- **drone** idle person who lives on other people's work; male bee
- **azure** sky blue
- **repercussion** rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion
- **intoxicate** make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win
- **attribute** essential quality; V: ascribe; explain
- **recalcitrant** disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child
- **nebulous** vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal
- **remiss** negligent; careless about a duty
- **lunatic** insane; Ex. lunatic asylum
- **tinge** give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy
- **rubric** title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol
- **taut** tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack
- **plummet** fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

- **kindle** start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse
- **volition** act of using one's will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.
- **capricious** unpredictable; fickle
- **delve** dig; search deeply; investigate
- **harbor** give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge
- **abstruse** obscure; profound; difficult to understand
- **illusory** illusive; deceptive; not real
- **rapport** close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony
- **antecedents** preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background
- **vie** contend; compete
- **murky** dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom
- **whim** sudden capricious idea; fancy
- **accessory** additional object; useful but not essential thing
- **indifferent** unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad
- **slavish** of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original
- **foresight** ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
- **collation** a light meal; collating
- **venerable** deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get
- **balm** something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
- **spoonerism** accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. "Let me sew you to your sheet" for "Let me show you to your seat"; CF. William Spooner
- **toll** sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge
- **pathological** pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease
- **forbearance** patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison
- **impede** hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block
- **quench** assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress
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- **optimum** most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition
- **tumult** commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly
- **bristle** short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly
- **extricate** free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle
- **coin** make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented
- **brusque** blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice
- **outlandish** bizarre; peculiar; unconventional
- **wizened** shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady
- **incessant** uninterrupted; unceasing
- **noncommittal** neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided
- **distill** refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew
- **refraction** bending of a ray of light
- **qualified** limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify
- **awe** solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome
- **waft** move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window
- **degradation** humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank
- **consistency** absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous
- **bid** command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom
- **debase** degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement
- **mausoleum** monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos
- **preclude** make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate
- **impending** nearing; approaching; about to happen
- **abdicate** renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
- **motley** multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)
- **profusion** great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant
- **bedizen** dress with vulgar finery
- **witless** lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic
- **query** inquiry; question; V.
- **bemoan** lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of
- **affable** easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

- **shudder** shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.
- **relevant** having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance, relevancy
- **ramify** branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions
- **monolithic** solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone
- **boorish** rude; insensitive
- **precipitate** hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden
- **bask** luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
- **trident** three-pronged spear
- **smirk** conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else's misfortune); V.
- **monotheism** belief in one God
- **interjection** exclamation; Ex. "Ouch"
- **succor** assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.
- **merit** deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise
- **chicanery** trickery; deception
- **oblivious** inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)
- **unison** unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.
- **nurture** nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing
- **genesis** beginning; origin
- **fictitious** imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional
- **manifest** evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly
- **pragmatist** practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things
- **requiem** mass for the dead; dirge
- **annals** records arranged in yearly parts; history
- **snuffle** sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)
- **laity** laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy
- **filibuster** block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter
- **comprise** include; consist of
- **tenuous** thin; slim; rare
- **clandestine** secret
- **tightwad** miser; excessively frugal person
- **knave** untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery
- **debutante** young woman making formal entrance into society
- **escapade** prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules
- **archipelago** group of closely located islands
- **incommodious** not spacious; inconvenient
- **tiller** handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)
- **transient** staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient
- **concatenate** link as in a chain
- **missile** object to be thrown or projected
- **genteel** well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty
- **pedantic** bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry
- **pending** not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return
- **blotch** spot; blot; CF. blot+botch
- **distort** twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion
- **carapace** shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)
- **append** attach
- **grievance** cause of complaint; complaint
- **start** move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake
- **voracious** ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader
- **proponent** supporter; backer; opposite of opponent
- **conglomeration** mass of material sticking together
- **proximity** nearness; ADJ. proximate
- **verge** border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on
- **exquisite** delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry
- **purge** remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.
- **yokel** rustic; country bumpkin;
- **humid** damp; N. humidity
- **hackles** hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise
- **courier** messenger
- **regicide** murder of a king or queen
- **gouge** overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury
- **embody** give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

- **brochure** pamphlet
- **badinage** teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
- **grouse** complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chicken-like game bird
- **trepidation** fear; nervous apprehension
- **trenchant** cutting; incisive; keen

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- **ordinance** decree; authoritative order
- **oversee** watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision
- **miniature** small model; small painting; ADJ: small
- **vivid** (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description
- **snicker** half-stifled(suppressed) laugh; V.
- **hibernate** sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation
- **wrongheaded** stubbornly wrong
- **rend** split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow
- **enervate** weaken; take away energy from
- **convulsion** violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive
- **gloss over** explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults
- **proviso** stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision
- **definitive** most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court
- **perimeter** outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference
- **angular** sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
- **ambush** act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.
- **shyster** lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner
- **denizen** (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor
- **preponderance** superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant
- **laggard** slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler
- **dint** means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work
- **pedigree** line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane's foot
- **impunity** freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

- **levy** impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco
- **compatible** harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together
- **efficacy** power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual
- **collected** composed; calm; self-possessed
- **dupe** someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive
- **mettle** courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome
- **salutary** tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health
- **remnant** remainder
- **burlesque** give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly
- **aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)** nest of a large bird of prey
- **enormity** hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous
- **salubrious** healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health
- **vitreous** of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify
- **premonitory** serving to warn
- **elevation** elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house
- **gorge** narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)
- **contempt** scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible
- **cache** hiding place; V.
- **sophistry** seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism
- **penitent** repentant; N.
- **vignette** small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene
- **extol** praise very highly; glorify
- **slew** large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left
- **expenditure** payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
- **piety** devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious
- **delude** deceive
- **poultice** soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body
- **cynical** skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

- **inebriated** habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety
  - **psyche** soul; mind
  - **eschew** avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks
  - **irrepressible** unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back
  - **exorbitant** (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds
  - **innate** inborn
  - **receptive** quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal
  - **assuage** make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
  - **inasmuch as** since; owing to the fact that
  - **exposé** public revelation of something discreditable
  - **précis** abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text
  - **abominate** loathe; hate
  - **underhand(underhanded)** done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)
  - **atavism** resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic
  - **seminary** school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women
  - **personable** attractive (in personality or appearance)
  - **muggy** (of weather) warm and damp
  - **stink** stench; V: emit a strong foul odor
  - **duress** forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress
  - **peevish** bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry
  - **swerve** deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.
  - **indentation** notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth
  - **quandary** dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.
  - **coiffure** hairstyle
  - **demure** (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure
  - **sanguine** optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red
  - **bombardment** attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard
  - **flaccid** flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles
  - **unearthly** not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly
  - **fiasco** total failure; CF. bottle
  - **threat** sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V: express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.
  - **deplore** regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition
  - **retribution** deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back
  - **titillate** tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it
  - **manifestation** outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent
  - **irrefutable** indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable
  - **clangor** loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging
  - **random** without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
  - **reverend** deserving reverence; N: priest
  - **engaged** employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
  - **repartee** quick clever reply
  - **enfranchise** admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise
  - **suppliant** entreating; beseeching; N.
  - **rampant** growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed
  - **compute** reckon; calculate
  - **fusillade** simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)
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- **defiance** refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant
  - **disabuse** correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief
  - **wrath** anger; fury
  - **transcendental** going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism
  - **multifarious** varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities
  - **resourceful** clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness
  - **omniscient** all-knowing
  - **callous** hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind
  - **seduce** lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive
  - **retroactive** taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
  - **chancellor** legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor

- **blatant** extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy
- **buxom** full-bosomed; plump; jolly
- **servile** slavish; cringing; N. servility
- **centurion** Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
- **linger** loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.
- **coda** concluding section of a musical or literary composition
- **bolster** support; reinforce
- **premise** assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based
- **striated** marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line
- **rejuvenate** make young again
- **apiculture** bee-keeping
- **promiscuous** mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity
- **warranted** justified; authorized
- **evasive** not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit
- **nib** beak(bill); pen point
- **tanner** person who turns animal hides into leather
- **clairvoyant** having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance
- **redundant** superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious
- **dubious** questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety
- **elicit** draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)
- **authenticate** prove genuine
- **arbitrary** unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler
- **unwonted** unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.
- **ulterior** intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive
- **marital** pertaining to marriage
- **choice** delicate; of very fine quality
- **cauldron(cauldron)** large kettle
- **entrepreneur** businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial
- **tranquillity** calmness; peace
- **impermeable** impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate
- **sly** clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions
- **strident** loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency
- **catastrophe** calamity ; disaster
- **wanton** unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause
- **arbitrate** act as judge (at the request of both sides)
- **maculated** spotted; stained; CF. immaculate
- **gleam** brief flash of light; glow; V.
- **pudding** hot sweet dish
- **ascribe** refer; attribute; assign
- **antiquity** quality of being very old; ancient times;
- **implacable** incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy
- **ingenious** marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity
- **outgoing** sociable; eager to mix socially with others
- **glossy** smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners
- **vulnerable** susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability
- **puerile** childish; immature; CF. puer: boy
- **pliant** flexible; easily influenced
- **machinations** evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate
- **colossal** huge
- **insensate** without feeling; lacking sense; foolish
- **lumber** move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber
- **ostentatious** showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display
- **guise** outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise
- **whiff** puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal
- **appease** pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
- **hieroglyphic** picture writing; ADJ.
- **frigid** intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone
- **manacle** restrain; handcuff; N.
- **austere** forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity
- **analogy** similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

- **energize** invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
- **submissive** willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
- **antidote** remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
- **lookout** act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch
- **prevalent** widespread; generally accepted
- **colander** utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
- **projectile** missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)
- **pantomime** acting without dialogue; V.
- **welter** wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.
- **slovenly** untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless
- **matriarch** woman who rules a family or larger social group
- **abusive** coarsely insulting; physically harmful
- **titanic** gigantic; N. titan
- **entice** lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt
- **hypocritical** pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite
- **paramour** illicit lover
- **reprieve** postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of
- **filigree** delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork
- **deterrent** something that discourages or deters
- **backslide** revert (to bad habits); N. reverter
- **metamorphosis** change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis
- **caricature** distortion; burlesque
- **appurtenances** subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
- **animadversion** critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
- **coercion** use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce
- **quell** suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. "Army Quells Rebellion" in newspaper; CF. kill
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- **terminology** terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature
- **hover** hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state
- **studious** given to diligent study
- **antler** bony growth on the head of a deer
- **palpable** tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder
- **palatable** agreeable; pleasing to the taste
- **cremate** incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium
- **tablet** small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall
- **grunt** utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.
- **supine** lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision
- **engulf** surround and swallow up
- **annotate** comment; make explanatory notes
- **personify** represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification
- **muster** gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.
- **cohabit** live together
- **coddle** treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs
- **acclimate** adjust to climate or environment; adapt
- **susceptible** impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility
- **crinkle** wrinkle
- **titular** of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company
- **rebus** representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. "R U 18" is a rebus for "Are you 18".
- **rip** tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.
- **brim** uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim
- **aesthetic** artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics
- **schism** division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split
- **outfit** clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit
- **bookish** fond of books and reading
- **cuisine** style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

- **moribund** dying; at the point of death; CF. death
- **upbraid** reprimand; severely scold
- **parody** humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
- **jovial** good-natured; merry; cheerful
- **encumber** burden; N. encumbrance
- **giddy** light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height
- **implausible** unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi
- **drudge** do drudgery; N: person who drudges
- **suitor** man who is courting a woman
- **far-fetched** too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story
- **intimidate** frighten; N. intimidation
- **ventral** abdominal
- **utopia** ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian
- **hazardous** dangerous
- **drastic** strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures
- **impinge** infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.
- **misgivings** doubts
- **siren** apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
- **piecemeal** one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal
- **regimen** prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer
- **temporal** of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly
- **relegate** put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division
- **beatific** giving or showing bliss; blissful
- **arraign** charge in court; indict
- **antagonism** hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist
- **inchoate** (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass
- **bridle** harness fitted about a horse's head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger
- **significant** expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant
- **aloof** apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
- **stratum** layer of earth's surface; layer of society; PL. strata
- **lounge** stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way
- **lineage** descent; ancestry
- **pendant(pendent)** hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)
- **modish** fashionable; conforming to the current fashion
- **circumvent** outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around
- **livid** lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
- **leery** (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
- **veracious** (of a person) truthful
- **vigil** keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil
- **parlance** language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
- **litany** supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words
- **offensive** attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense
- **stench** strong foul odor; reek; stink
- **incapacitate** disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity
- **tramp** walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking
- **functionary** official (who performs a particular function)
- **rapacious** voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
- **simulate** feign; imitate
- **depose** dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify
- **conduit** aqueduct; passageway for fluids
- **flighty** (esp. of a woman's behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive
- **referendum** direct vote by all the people
- **worldly** engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world
- **contrived** unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.
- **ethos** underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos
- **disjointed** disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin
- **hallowed** blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

- **ecologist** person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology
- **disclose** reveal; N. disclosure
- **weary** tired after long work; V.
- **encroachment** gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon
- **spoof** parody
- **noxious** harmful; CF. obnoxious
- **puzzle** baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.
- **reprove** censure; rebuke; N. reproof
- **paleontology** study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents
- **stout** rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter
- **plebiscite** direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)
- **circumlocution** indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

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- **swarm** large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass
- **culprit** one guilty of a crime
- **generality** vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people
- **veritable** being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary
- **respite** time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve
- **pragmatic** practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill
- **sledge** large sled drawn by work animals
- **seasonal** of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment
- **lag** move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.
- **tactful** careful not to cause offence; OP. tactless
- **unprecedented** having no previous example; novel; unparalleled
- **opiate** medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium
- **musky** having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer
- **malediction** curse
- **fritter** waste (time or money on unimportant things)
- **brandish** wave around (a weapon); flourish
- **pugnacity** combativeness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature
- **exasperate** vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)
- **germinate** cause to sprout; sprout
- **memento** token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit
- **reconnaissance** survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)
- **oath** solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. "For Christ's sake"
- **thwart** block or hinder; baffle; frustrate
- **vehement** forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence
- **contraband** illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.
- **wrench** twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.
- **dainty** delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress
- **zephyr** gentle breeze; west wind
- **waylay** ambush; lie in wait for and attack
- **contrite** penitent; repentant; N. contrition
- **treasure** keep as precious; cherish
- **ford** place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.
- **patrician** noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian
- **languor** lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression
- **foreshadow** give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure
- **germane** pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate
- **reprehensible** deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame
- **eon(aeon)** long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras
- **daub** smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one's clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint
- **subordinate** occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class

- **antediluvian** antiquated; extremely ancient
  - **stately** formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic
  - **interminable** endless
  - **proverb** adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially
  - **venue** location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come
  - **distinction** honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction
  - **converge** approach; tend to meet; come together
  - **inconsistency** state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible
  - **commemorative** remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp
  - **incorporate** introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.
  - **hone** sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool
  - **amenities** convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies
  - **averse** reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work
  - **speechless** unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger
  - **prepossessing** attractive; CF. preoccupying ?
  - **arrears** being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done
  - **providence** quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate
  - **witticism** witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)
  - **hue** color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue
  - **brawl** noisy quarrel
  - **misconstrue** interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge
  - **auxiliary** offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant
  - **derogatory** expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage
  - **divine** perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
  - **impart** grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart
  - **vertigo** severe dizziness; giddiness
  - **forerunner** predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another
  - **abnegation** renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
  - **breadth** width; extent
  - **acrophobia** fear of heights
  - **reminiscent** suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence
  - **blight** plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy
  - **psychiatrist** doctor who treats mental diseases
  - **scraps** leftover food
  - **kinetic** producing motion; of motion
  - **corroborate** confirm; support; strengthen
  - **polity** (particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity
  - **discount** disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost
  - **oust** expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting
  - **hereafter** life after death
  - **putrescent** becoming putrid; putrefying
  - **institute** organization for a special purpose; V: establish
  - **kudos** honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement
  - **feud** bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism
  - **exceptionable** objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable
  - **consign** send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee
  - **parallelism** state of being parallel; similarity; analogy
  - **disavowal** denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim
  - **infidel** unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)
  - **bantering** joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
  - **amorous** moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
  - **haphazard** random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town
  - **reminiscence** recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past
  - **restraint** moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction
  - **dormant** sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent
  - **bump** hit or knock against with force; N.
  - **despise** look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible
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- **unrequited** not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love
  - **indite** write; compose

- **mercenary** motivated solely by money or gain; N.
- **ashen** ash-colored; deadly pale
- **conventional** ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons
- **sobriety** moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness
- **graduated** arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)
- **thespian** pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress
- **ligneous** like wood
- **felicity** happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
- **malfeasance** wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)
  
- **mural** wall painting
- **forgo(forego)** give up; do without
- **fuddle** make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
- **sustain** suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners
- **slacken** slow up; loosen; make or become slack
- **presentiment** premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear
- **superimpose** place over something else
- **supplicate** petition humbly; pray to grant a favor
- **potential** expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth
- **quip** taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.
- **dissuade** persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion
- **hypothetical** based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis
- **withhold** refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax
- **acute** (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
- **paltry** insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash
- **travail** strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth
- **atone** make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for
- **requisite** necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary
- **vernacular** living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular
- **gargoyle** waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building
- **unfrock** defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority
  
- **apocryphal** (of a story) widely believed but untrue
- **gnarl** protruding knot on a tree; V.
- **riddle** pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)
- **torrent** rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.
  
- **unscathed** unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed
- **anarchist** person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
- **strut** supporting bar; CF. airplane wing building support
- **luster** shine; gloss (of a polished surface)
- **verisimilitude** appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth
- **enliven** make lively or spirited; animate
- **vulture** carrion-eating birds
- **flowery** full of flowers; full of ornate expressions
- **harass** annoy by repeated attacks
- **sinister** evil; ominous
- **devolve** deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to
- **heinous** atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime
- **adverse** going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
- **rigor** severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter
- **shackle** chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.
- **prop** support placed under or against something; V.
- **sumptuous** grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast
- **fulminate** thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation
- **prim** proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper
- **clout** great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist
- **sluggish** lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell
- **dribble** flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.
- **prong** pointed projecting part
- **sedulous** diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity
- **fashion** give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay
- **apprehend** arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension
- **panacea** cure-all; remedy for all diseases
- **recurrent** occurring again and again

- **plethora** excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses
  - **bloated** (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air
  - **subsequent** following in time or order; later
  - **traduce** expose to slander
  - **prod** poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding
  - **inequity** unfairness; ADJ. inequitable
  - **demean** disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave
  - **torque** twisting force; force producing rotation
  - **wallow** roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury
  - **foment** stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)
  - **flashy** showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance
  - **inamorata** woman whom a man loves
  - **forum** public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law
  - **blandishment** flattery
  - **adjunct** something attached to but holding an inferior position
  - **realm** kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility
  - **anemia** condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
  - **pinch** squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger
  - **prurient** having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire
  - **erratic** odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable
  - **incinerate** burn to ashes
  - **adjoin** be next to
  - **tactile** pertaining to the organs or sense of touch
  - **fluency** smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent
  - **prolific** producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer
  - **snivel** complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don't come back sniveling to me.
  - **philanderer** faithless lover; flirt
  - **laborious** demanding much work or care; tedious
  - **rancor** long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous
  - **palpitate** throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.
  - **tread** walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step
  - **mat** not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.
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- **dissimulate** pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble
  - **enlist** (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)
  - **rally** come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering
  - **crest** top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird
  - **cadaverous** like a corpse; pale
  - **outrage** act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive
  - **reciprocate** do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights
  - **mischief** behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ. mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome
  - **mite** very small object or insect-like creature; small coin
  - **placebo** harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill
  - **impeccable** faultless
  - **terminal** part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer
  - **figment** invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
  - **refute** disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation
  - **pretend** feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense
  - **rampart** defensive mound of earth
  - **wont** (the stated person's) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary
  - **animated** lively; spirited
  - **indomitable** unconquerable; unyielding
  - **feasible** practical; able to be carried out; practicable
  - **indignity** treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.
  - **contusion** bruise
  - **dotage** senility; feeble-mindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

- **wrinkle** small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.
- **amazon** female warrior
- **ambidextrous** capable of using either hand with equal ease
- **malicious** hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite
- **disseminate** distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
- **grim** causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile
- **lavish** liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance
- **impenitent** not repentant
- **obstreperous** boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable
- **substantial** of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy
- **affinity** feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
- **executive** person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing
- **gullible** easily deceived
- **subsidy** direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy
- **Shangri-la** imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon
- **recrimination** countercharges; V. recriminate
- **procrastinate** postpone; delay or put off
- **agitate** stir up; disturb
- **disquisition** formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report
- **contaminate** pollute
- **amiss** wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
- **potentate** monarch; sovereign
- **pristine** unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition
- **homage** honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to
- **choleric** hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera
- **heed** pay attention to; N: close attention
- **extraneous** not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject
- **suffragist** advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage
- **finesse** delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
- **propagate** increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas
- **foil** contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another
- **transcendent** exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendancy
- **hermetic** sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight
- **ablution** washing
- **dinghy** small boat (often ship's boat)
- **propinquity** nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship
- **innovation** change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative
- **writ** written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)
- **schematic** of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline
- **ego** one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem
- **score** number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold
- **venture** risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.
- **garbled** mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible
- **iniquitous** wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity
- **existential** pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism
- **catholic** (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes
- **lunar** pertaining to the moon
- **mirage** unreal reflection; optical illusion
- **tawny** brownish yellow
- **actuary** someone who advises insurance companies
- **predecessor** former occupant of a post
- **axiom** self-evident truth requiring no proof
- **cessation** stoppage
- **raffle** lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car
- **indecisive** marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle
- **euthanasia** mercy killing
- **sodden** thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

- **precedent** preceding (in time, rank, etc.)
- **evince** show clearly
- **flourish** grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)
- **rescind** repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)
- **intrepid** fearless
- **recourse** resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to
- **alliteration** repetition of beginning sound in poetry
- **straggle** stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch
- **piquant** pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help
- **compunction** remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt
- **circumscribe** limit; confine; draw a line around
- **takeoff** burlesque; act of leaving the ground
- **elope** run away secretly with the intention of getting married
- **season** enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning
- **fancy** imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate
- **zany** comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)
- **introvert** one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted
- **felicitous** (of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
- **jab** poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows
- **panache** flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF.
- **stanch** stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound
- **testy** irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness
- **solvent** substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance
- **animosity** active enmity
- **cantata** story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)
- **mandatory** obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate
- **perspicacious** (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute
- **coma** deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow
- **retract** withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile
- **espionage** spying
- **coterie** group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests
- **verdant** green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows
- **diffidence** shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident

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- **overblown** inflated; exaggerated
- **artless** without guile; open and honest
- **perjury** false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath
- **sagacious** wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity
- **verity** quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities
- **idolatry** worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous
- **hedonist** one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one's life purely for pleasure
- **rile** irritate; vex; muddy
- **fortitude** bravery; courage; strength of mind
- **piscatorial** pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces
- **flout** reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules
- **compulsory** obligatory; that must be done
- **halcyon** calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days
- **suppress** put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth
- **sap** diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.
- **fortuitous** accidental; by chance; N. fortuity
- **intervene** come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention
- **cant** insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people
- **wangle** achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.
- **phobia** morbid fear
- **igneous** produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

- **cerebration** thought; working of the brain
- **annuity** yearly allowance
- **unexceptionable** entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism
- **scuffle** struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins ?
- **platitude** trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous
- **charm** quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on; bewitch
- **hubbub** confused uproar; loud noise; din
- **unconscionable** unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand
- **morose** ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy
- **maneuver**(**manoeuvre**) strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end
- **lout** clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides ?
- **amnesia** loss of memory
- **pedestal** support or base as for a pillar or statue
- **clime** climate
- **martial** warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law
- **firebrand** piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble
- **moodiness** fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy CF. mood: state of mind or emotion
- **figurative** not literal but metaphorical; using a figure(impression) of speech
- **peddle** travel about selling (wares); CF. foot
- **unceremonious** not done politely without due formalities
- **festive** joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival
- **typhoon** tropical hurricane or cyclone
- **antecede** precede
- **apiary** a place where bees are kept
- **humdrum** dull; monotonous
- **nostalgia** homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic
- **pomposity** self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt(pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important
- **exuberance** overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly
- **diorama** life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background
- **communal** held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune
- **eminent** rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position
- **conception** beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception
- **roseate** rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views
- **forthright** straightforward; direct; frank
- **degenerate** become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person
- **incipient** beginning; in an early stage
- **smudge** dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.
- **antiseptic** substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.
- **virtue** goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity
- **exemplary** serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model
- **indecision** irresolution; inability to make up one's mind
- **ponderous** having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing
- **frugality** thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive
- **posture** assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude
- **comeback** retort; quick clever reply; return to former status
- **acclivity** sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
- **dummy** imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy
- **purport** intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general
- **terminus** last stop of railroad; end
- **nuance** shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction
- **bewitch** cast a spell over; captivate completely
- **libel** defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous
- **incantation** singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant
- **acne** skin disease (on the face)
- **metrical** metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer
- **impregnable** invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take
- **inherent** firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

□ **fidelity** loyalty; accuracy

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□ **standstill** condition of no movement or activity; stop

□ **adjuration** solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

□ **habitat** natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

□ **obeisance** bow (to show respect and obedience)

□ **carillon** a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

□ **sleight** dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

□ **actuarial** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

□ **ramble** wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress

□ **lustrous** shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

□ **substantiate** support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

□ **resolution** determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

□ **awl** pointed tool used for piercing

□ **urge** drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action

□ **vigilante** one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

□ **hatch** deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

□ **irreparable** not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

□ **herpetologist** one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

□ **saturate** soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

□ **medley** mixture

□ **improvident** thriftless; not providing for the future

□ **connivance** pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

□ **verdigris** green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

□ **pusillanimous** cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

□ **clique** small exclusive group of people

□ **congruence** correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

□ **dexterous** skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity

□ **beware** be cautious (of)

□ **relent** become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

□ **senility** old age; feeble-mindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

□ **xenophobia** fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

□ **jest** playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully

□ **expository** explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition

□ **catechism** book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

□ **overbearing** bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

□ **indissoluble** permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

□ **rotund** (of a person) fat and round

□ **contention** assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

□ **treatise** article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

□ **exude** flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

□ **creed** system of religious or ethical belief

□ **scrimmage** disorderly fight between two or more people

□ **delete** erase; strike out

□ **mandate** order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

□ **astral** relating to the stars

□ **quicksilver** mercury

□ **buoyant** able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

□ **prostrate** stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength

□ **embryonic** undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development

□ **exegesis** explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages

□ **quizzical** curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

□ **retrospective** looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

□ **monetary** pertaining to money

□ **sidereal** relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day

□ **quibble** minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

- **controvert** oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy
  - **ordination** ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest
  - **coeval** living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age
  - **nullify** make invalid; make null; invalidate
  - **prolixity** tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse
  - **equity** fairness; justice; OP. inequity
  - **derivative** unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.
  - **intimate** hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy
  - **retinue** following; attendants
  - **dabble** work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid
  - **penetrate** enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand
  - **swamp** wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid
  - **inquisitive** eager for knowledge; unduly curious
  - **feint** trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.
  - **portly** stout; corpulent
  - **irreproachable** beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct
  - **couple** join; unite; OP. uncouple
  - **caprice** whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause
  - **compound** combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex
  - **capsize** (of a boat) turn over
  - **nonentity** person of no importance; nonexistence
  - **mulct** defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy
  - **egregious** notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking
  - **attentive** alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration
  - **propitious** favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign
  - **synoptic** providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis
  - **opprobrium** infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous
  - **despondent** without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection
  - **derivation** deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word
  - **concise** brief and compact
  - **exclaim** cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory
  - **chuckle** laugh quietly
  - **ossify** change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas
  - **tarantula** venomous spider
  - **chapel** small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)
  - **molten** melted; Ex. molten lava
  - **egotistical** egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited
  - **rave** overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic
  - **usurp** seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use
  - **reiterate** repeat
  - **compliant** readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes or others; yielding; conforming to requirements
  - **dote** be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline
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- **obstetrician** physician specializing in delivery(assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife
  - **musty** stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist
  - **attest** testify; bear witness
  - **thrifty** careful about money; economical; N. thrift
  - **finish** surface texture; completeness of execution
  - **oracular** of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle
  - **anomalous** abnormal; irregular
  - **dowry** money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage
  - **rebate** return of part of a payment; discount; V.
  - **conglomerate** corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.
  - **chant** tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

- **gustatory** affecting or relating to the sense of taste
- **droll** queer and amusing
- **incentive** spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity
- **sound**  
in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training
- **secular** worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal
- **blue** gloomy; depressed
- **expurgate** clean; remove offensive parts of a book
- **gratuity** tip
- **latitude** freedom from narrow limitations
- **equine** resembling a horse; Ex. equine face
- **interregnum** period between two successive reigns or governments
- **memoir** memoirs; autobiography; biography
- **aghast** filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
- **regime** method of system or government
- **bowdlerize** expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler
- **discombobulated** discomposed; confused
- **proscenium** part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage
- **dormer** window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room
- **panoramic** denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area
- **endemic** prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic
- **chorus** phrase repeated throughout a song or poem
- **except** exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality
- **fervor** glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat
- **urbane** suave; refined in manner; elegant
- **cite** quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record
- **ignominy** deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat
- **inured** accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling
- **unearth** dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal
- **padre** chaplain (in the armed forces)
- **predicament** difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma
- **torpedo** underwater explosive apparatus; V.
- **prestige** respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ. causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige
- **scheme** systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V. contrive a scheme
- **rhapsody** excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)
- **entity** real being
- **distract** take (one's attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted
- **anthropologist** student of the history and science of humankind
- **cavil** quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
- **malodorous** foul-smelling
- **tribunal** court of justice
- **quay** dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)
- **milieu** social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.
- **reticent** inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence
- **inhibited** (of a person) unable to express what one really feels
- **dolorous** sorrowful; N. dolor
- **remission** temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.
- **exorcise** drive out evil spirits
- **caulk(calk)** make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
- **estimable** (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate
- **bouillon** clear beef (or meat) soup
- **taciturn** habitually silent; talking little
- **loath** reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.
- **saccharine** cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin
- **indiscriminate** choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions
- **impalpable** imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible
- **jettison** throw overboard (from a ship or plane)
- **futile** useless; hopeless; ineffectual
- **altruistic** unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

- **viand** food; CF. live
- **foible** small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble
- **mauve** pale purple
- **solder** repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts
- **prominent** protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent
- **tract** propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract
- **novice** beginner
- **mutinous** unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer
- **connubial** pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state
- **crust** hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)
- **digression** wandering away from the subject; V. digress
- **adjacent** adjoining; neighboring; close by
- **troth** pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth
- **fervent** ardent; zealous; hot
- **log** record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.
- **rail** complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices
- **incongruity** lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate
- **comatose** in a coma; extremely sleepy
- **outspoken** candid; blunt
- **resilient** elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)
- **grate** make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace
- **prevaricate** lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)
- **natation** swimming
- **articulate** effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints
- **arbiter** person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware
- **aversion** firm dislike
- **preamble** introductory statement
- **illuminat**e brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks
- **ichthyology** study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish
- **polar** of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites
- **immobility** state of being immovable
- **haggard** wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners
- **unwarranted** unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved
- **proletarian** member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)
- **pulchritude** beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous
- **embezzlement** taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)
- **entree(entrée)** entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle
- **toady** servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn
- **disparate** basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated
- **abscond** depart secretly and hide
- **mendacious** lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity
- **anticlimax** letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
- **inquisitor** questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition
- **pilfer** steal things of small value; filch; snitch
- **effluvium** noxious(harmful) smell
- **sardonic** scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile
- **amulet** charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck
- **transcribe** copy; write a copy of; N. transcription
- **rant** speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.
- **vindicate** clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one's client; Ex. vindicate one's claim; CF. vindicator
- **drivel** nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense
- **unregenerate** making no attempt to change one's bad practices
- **haven** place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven
- **foist** insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist
- **contagion** infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air
- **subterfuge** stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge

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- **windfall** fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event
- **stipple** paint or draw with dots or short strokes
- **irascible** irritable; easily angered
- **trilogy** group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)
- **carousal** drunken revel; V. carouse
- **pedigree** ancestry; lineage
- **orifice** mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth
- **sinuous** twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
- **nonplus** put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more
- **earthly** of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason
- **dowse** use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals
- **miscellaneous** made up of a variety of parts
- **bountiful** generous; graciously generous; showing bounty
- **glacial** like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg
- **expedite** hasten; make go faster
- **expiate** make amends for (a sin)
- **ward** administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V. guard; ward off: avert
- **flippant** lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
- **embellish** adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)
- **indolent** lazy
- **impersonal** not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization
- **conformity** harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance
- **brink** edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon
- **nubile** marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial
- **criteria** standards used in judging; CF. criterion
- **soothsayer** one who foretells the future
- **clot** half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.
- **artifice** deception; trickery
- **pro prowess** extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle
- **fruitful** producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance
- **adroit** skillful (in using mind or hand)
- **agenda** items of business at a meeting
- **guile** deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile
- **cemetery** place for burying the dead
- **bourgeois** middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions
- **loathe** detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell
- **calculated** deliberately planned; likely
- **obscure** dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning
- **physiological** pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology
- **bellicose** warlike
- **headfirst** moving with the head leading; headlong
- **stipulate** state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance
- **zest** outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life
- **virile** manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength
- **opportune** timely; well-chosen
- **benevolent** generous; charitable; having a wish to do good
- **perversion** corruption; turning from right to wrong
- **protract** prolong; lengthen in time; draw out
- **effeminate** having womanly traits
- **anvil** iron block used in hammering out metals
- **ooze** (of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river
- **deciduous** falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth
- **recital** act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)
- **effectual** able to produce a desired effect; valid
- **chauvinist** blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin
- **swarthy** (of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian ?
- **alluvial** pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
- **quadruped** four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped
- **facet** small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side
- **epilogue** short speech at conclusion of dramatic work
- **permeable** that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

- **bicameral** two-chambered as a legislative body
- **primal** first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence
- **kneel** go down on one's knee(s)
- **repress** hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion
- **celestial** heavenly
- **counterpart** thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

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- **gratuitous** given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment
- **bulge** protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude
- **deference** courteous regard for another's wish; courteous yielding to another's wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery
- **cavalier** casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight
- **stodgy** dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book
- **ungainly** (of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument
- **judiciary** judicial branch of government
- **loiter** hang about/around; stand idly about; linger
- **aggrandize** make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
- **elixir** cure-all; panacea; something invigorating
- **improvise** compose on the spur of the moment
- **mollify** soothe an angry person
- **deadpan** wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face
- **rightful** legally correct; Ex. rightful owner
- **naiveté(naivety)** quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous
- **roué** lecherous man
- **char** make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion
- **recession** withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity
- **colossus** gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance
- **magniloquent** boastful; pompous
- **pestle** tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar
- **irreconcilable** impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

- **ecliptic** path of the sun and the planets
- **sherbet** flavored dessert ice
- **capitulate** surrender; give up all resistance
- **fleck** spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot
- **rare** (of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains
- **hegemony** dominance especially of one nation over others
- **insolence** impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude
- **infallible** unerring; never making mistakes
- **pinnacle** peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame
- **spatula** broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing
- **chide** scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)
- **haunt** (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented
- **statutory** created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit
- **carnal** fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body
- **thrall** slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthrall
- **gull** trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe
- **amenable** obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests
- **seismic** pertaining to earthquakes
- **vagrant** homeless wanderer
- **pessimism** belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic
- **sublimate** refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state
- **reputable** respectable; having a good reputation
- **salvage** rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved
- **repel** drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion
- **disengage** uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage
- **exacting** extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety
- **endearment** fond word or act; expression of affection
- **cabal** small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests
- **jaded** tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

- **glow** shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color
- **abominable** detestable; extremely unpleasant
- **feature** distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent
- **percussion** striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion
- **engage** attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle
- **winnow** sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind
- **abortive** unsuccessful; fruitless
- **rotunda** circular building or hall covered with a dome
- **revile** attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)
- **blanch** bleach; whiten; make white or pale
- **breach** breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.
- **hurtle** crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train
- **circlet** small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)
- **sensual** devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips
- **credential** evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.
- **culinary** relating to cooking or kitchen
- **ultimate** final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.
- **supposition** assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose
- **tenure** holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held
- **impoverish** make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil
- **perquisite(perk)** any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car
- **pillory** punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.
- **propulsive** driving forward; N. propulsion
- **accretion** growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete
- **provident** providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident
- **elegy** poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac
- **ancillary** serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.
- **redolent** odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery
- **buttress** support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress
- **dyspeptic** suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food
- **tentative** not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply
- **acumen** mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen
- **dissident** dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.
- **domicile** home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.
- **loom** appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth
- **resplendent** brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious
- **monogram** design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.
- **visage** face; appearance
- **threadbare** worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses
- **kernel** central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)
- **traumatic** (of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage
- **defeatist** resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism
- **gentle** kindly; soft; mild; of good family
- **correlate** either of the correlated things; V.
- **incisive** (appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into